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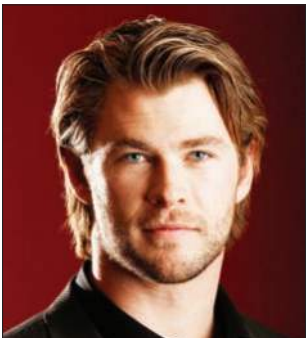
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## EVEN WITH REVISED BUDGET

# \$3M deficit in first half of FY2011

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REPORTER

**L**t. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the government incurred an estimated \$3 million deficit in the first half of fiscal year 2011, even with the revised budget of just \$122 million from \$132 million.

Inos said the \$3 million is based on preliminary data and is a combination of revenue shortfall and overspending, with the latter mostly related to the Department of Public Health's medical referral program.

"If it [deficit] remains like that in the next 60 days, we may revise the budget [again]," Inos told *Saipan Tribune* in an

interview after signing a proclamation for Marianas March Against Cancer at the Delta Air Lines check-in counter at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yesterday morning.

Agencies must continue to live with in their means to help reduce the over-

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## Shell prices now also start at \$4.859 a gallon

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As expected, Shell Marianas also increased its gas prices yesterday by 10 cents a gallon, mirroring what Mobil Oil Marianas did on Thursday.

Shell and Mobil's regular gas is now \$4.859 a gallon, while super or V-Power is now \$5.179 a gallon.

Diesel is now \$5.319 a gallon at both Mobil and Shell service stations.

On Rota and Tinian, gas prices are anywhere between \$5.609 a gallon and \$6.60 a gallon.

The CNMI gas prices are some of the highest among U.S. states and territories.

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

A Shell Marianas service station's price display in Dandan shows the latest prices of gasoline yesterday, a day after Mobil Oil Marianas also hiked its prices by 10 cents a gallon.



### HOTSHOTS

Mark Courson, battalion chief for the U.S. Forest Service, supervises trainees yesterday on how to properly make a fire break on Capital Hill, as part of a weeklong training to become wildland firefighting hand crew.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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## BASED ON INDEPENDENT AUDIT

# CUC operating revenue went up \$8M in 2010

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An independent audit conducted on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. showed that the agency's operating revenue last fiscal year increased by \$8 million, boosting the total to \$82.6 million.

The amount is a 10.7-percent increase from operating revenues posted in fiscal

year 2009, which was at \$74.6 million only—itself a 28-percent decrease from 2008's revenue of \$104.3 million.

Independent auditor J. Scott Magliari & Co. stated in its report that majority of the increase in 2010 was related to water revenue, which posted a \$4.5 million increase—or 78.5 percent—over fiscal year 2009. Water revenue last fiscal year reached \$10.2 million,

a huge jump over 2009's \$5.7 million and 2008's \$4.5 million.

In addition, the electric fuel charge also boosted revenue by 2.7 percent from \$51.9 million in 2009 to \$53.3 million in 2010. Electric fuel charge in 2008 was at \$76.8 million.

Last fiscal year, sewer revenue also increased from \$1.2 million in fiscal year

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## Local

# Bill makes owners liable for injuries caused by dog bites



## TAPOCHAO CLEANUP

As part of the Asia Pacific Hotels Inc. volunteer efforts on their adopted projects, Saipan Grand Hotel has continued to take lead role and part on their dedicated monthly clean up at Mt. Tapochao. The cleanup was conducted by its managers and several of their rank and file staff who have volunteered their time and effort in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 30, 2011. Part of the cleanup was picking up the trash after the Easter Mass that was held a week earlier and by cutting the grass to spruce up and beautify the area. Monthly cleanup will continue each month to ensure that our highest peak on Saipan will be a favorite place to visit by guests and residents.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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With growing concerns about the safety of communities because of an increasing stray dog population, Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) has introduced a bill that seeks to protect the rights of both the victims of dog bite attacks and dog owners.

House Bill 17-177 or the Dog Bite Statute of 2011 makes dog owners civilly liable for all injuries and damage suffered by any person who is bitten or injured by a dog.

However, there are specific exceptions to this rule, including when the victim is "unlawfully on the premises."

"In other words, the dog can still protect his master's property against unlawful intruders. Also, if you tease or otherwise provoke a dog, you do so at your own risk. There is a limitation, however, when children are involved," the bill says in its findings.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) referred HB 17-177 to the Health and Welfare Committee.

As of yesterday, there's no scheduled public hearing on the bill yet.

The proposed dog bite statute does not apply where the victim is a criminal suspect, and the dog is engaged in the performance of duties for on-duty law enforcement officers or military personnel who are acting within the written guidelines previously adopted by their agencies.

The bill also does not apply where the dog is in, or being placed into, the custody of an animal trainer, animal behaviorist, groomer, dog walker, kennel worker, veterinarian, or an agent or any of their employees, for the purpose of rendering a professional service in exchange for compensation.

HB 17-177 states that provocation shall not be a defense to liability except where the victim was threatening or attempting to commit a crime of violence upon any person, among other things.

The parents having custody of a minor who is the owner, harbinger or keeper of any dog shall be additionally liable parties under the bill.

## Jurors selected in trial of alleged fruit bat poachers

The federal court completed Thursday night the selection of jurors who will decide the case against three alleged Marianas fruit bat poachers.

Saipan Tribune learned, however, that the 13 jurors in the trial of Adrian Mendiola, David Santos, and Albert Taitano have yet to be sworn in.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting Judge John Houston directed the 13 jurors, including the alternates, to return on Monday.

Opening statements by the prosecution and defense counsels have yet to be done as there are still legal issues that the court needs to resolve.

Michael Dotts, counsel for Santos, told Saipan Tribune that the U.S. government turned over Thursday evening some

documents that relate to a motion that had been heard but not yet decided.

"In light of the new documents the judge agreed to allow the defendants to recall the U.S. government's expert witness and ask him a few more questions related to the new documents," Dotts said.

The lawyer said that questioning should be done by noon on Monday and then the jury will show up and the trial will start at about 1pm.

The three are accused of having a hand in poaching incidents in 2008 when two of the few remaining breeding colonies of the Mariana fruit bats on Rota were decimated by hunters using 12-gauge and .410 shotguns. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Bordallo marks Asian Pacific Americans Heritage Month

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo commemorated the contributions Asian and Pacific Americans have made to the country during an Asian Pacific American Heritage Month ceremony at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Bordallo highlighted the importance of cultural diversity in the United States and the shared ideals of freedom, acceptance, and liberty among all Ameri-

cans in her address to NASA employees and contractors.

"Every May, our country celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, which is an opportunity to highlight the many contributions Asians and Pacific Islanders make to our nation," said Bordallo. "During this month, we come together to celebrate the achievements, remember the unique histories, and educate the public about the cultures and heritage of our diverse Asian Pacific American community." (PR)

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# Mount Carmel School tops academic bee challenge

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A team from Mount Carmel School emerged champion in this year's annual academic bee challenge for the elementary division after besting 10 other teams from private and public schools on Saipan.

Five students were awarded the championship trophy and individual medals during the competition's awards ceremony on April 16. The team was composed of sixth graders Ar-

ron Cushing, Veeny Revilla, Michael Ortizo, Joshua Santos, and Eric Lee.

Cushing, who has been joining the academic bee challenge since third grade, expressed satisfaction with the overall result of the contest.

"It feels pretty good! I've been in the competition for three years and I am so happy to be in the championship team in my last year," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Cushing said the contest helped him build his academic

## 'Not guilty' plea for suspect in fraudulent driver's license case

A jobless man who was arrested for allegedly obtaining a CNMI driver's license through fraud entered a not guilty plea yesterday in federal court.

Wei Lin appeared with court-appointed counsel, Joseph N. Camacho, for the arraignment.

Lin is charged with two counts of document fraud and a count of false statements to a federal agent. His jury trial will start on July 11, 2011.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John Houston remanded Lin to the U.S. Marshal.

Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler appeared for the U.S. government.

According to the indictment,

Lin allegedly paid a third-party to obtain the driver's license without meeting legal requirements.

Lin also allegedly presented the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles with an affidavit falsely stating that he had lost his previous driver's license, when he knew that his license had been seized by a police officer.

Camacho earlier stated that Lin had purchased his own plane ticket for Hong Kong as he was asked by an agent from the Department of Homeland Security to voluntarily leave the CNMI. When Lin went to the airport on April 12, 2011, the same federal agent arrested him. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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The five-member team of Mount Carmel School and coach teacher Frances T. Taimanao pose for a group photo after the annual academic bee challenge.

skills, developed his sportsmanship skills, and created teamwork among members.

According to their coach, sixth grade teacher Frances T. Taimanao, the students have been practicing for the competition since February and were assigned 100 random questions daily about all subject matters. They met four days a week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She said the group learned the responses for close to 2,000 questions as part of their preparation.

"It feels great because after all the hard work and sacrifices, they feel a sense of accomplish-

ment. I always tell my students that, win or lose, we will always be proud of them for their sacrifice to stay back and represent the school in the competition," Taimanao said.

Except for Cushing, all members were first-timers in the contest.

This year marked Mount Carmel's third time to join the academic bee. The school got 8th place in the first year and second place in 2010.

The team from Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School won second place. The team was composed of Jezreelyn Bulaklak, John Huevos, Julia

Espino, Martin Camacho, and Miguel Aninon. Third place went to the team from Grace Christian Academy.

Marianas High School's National Honor Society organized the academic bee, which covered and tested students' knowledge on subject areas such as English, mathematics, fine arts, current events, sports, history and geography, and sciences.

Each team was composed of five players, with three players competing per round and the other two serving as substitutes when needed. The questions were elementary level, requiring either short answers, multiple choice answers, fill in the blanks, identification or problem solving. There were three rounds: easy, medium, and hard questions.

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# Inos: Anomalies in ETC program over the years

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REPORTER

A bill temporarily suspending the educational tax credit program until government work hours are back to 80 every two weeks is more likely to be signed into law than vetoed.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said last

week that suspending the ETC program during periods of austerity "is a good idea." Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the administration has seen "anomalies" in the program over the years.

Some public and private schools have written Fitial, asking him to veto Senate Bill 17-68.

Inos said the administration is still reviewing the merits of the bill and is looking at technical issues associated with it.

"We've reviewed the program and looked at what's happened for the last couple of years, and we have seen a lot of anomalies in the program," Inos said in an interview yesterday.

He said the administration would probably come up with recommendations to improve the ETC program "to make the program more accountable and make sure the funds are directed toward and are really helping the recipients as opposed to just getting additional funds for general operations."

"We like to see it going to instructions and things like that," Inos added.

He said there have been a lot of misunderstandings about the ETC program, which should not be seen as a steady and consistent source of money for school operations.

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Inos

public and private schools and other educational entities and get tax credit for it, instead of directly paying taxes to the cash-strapped government.

SB 17-68 intends to temporarily suspend the ETC program when government work hours are below the regular 80 hours per pay period.

"I'm sure if the proponents of the program know about the program, how it's applied, how it's given and so forth, I'm sure they will appreciate the need to [suspend it temporarily]," Inos said, adding that he would be calling in those with concerns about the ETC program suspension.



## TOWNHALL MEETING

Daniel Calarco, right, One Economy director of International Programs, gestures as he answers a question from the audience while program manager Colin Richardson looks on during a town hall meeting Tuesday night. The meeting aimed to engage the community in the CNMI Broadband Mapping program.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



## A TASTE OF THE MARIANAS

In this file photo, an eager crowd lines up to buy food at the booth of the Saipan World Resort during the 2010 Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. This year's edition of the festival kicks off today at the American Memorial Park. With most dinner items priced at \$6 or less, the food festival is expected to again attract thousands of revelers every Saturday during May Tourism Month from 6pm to 10pm.

MVA

## DEFICIT

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spending, although he said medical referral expenses, among other things, have always exceeded their budget.

As for revenues, taxes and fees collected are just not as much as they used to be as the economy continues to weaken due to a steady drop in tourist arrivals, among other things.

The Department of Finance is required by law to report to the Legislature the revenue and spending every half year; in this case, the October 2010 to March 2011 figures.

Inos, who oversees government finances and is a former Finance secretary, said that Finance Secretary Larisa Larson will be releasing the report shortly.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), chairperson of the Senate Fiscal Affairs

Committee, said yesterday that without the Finance's mid-year report, the Senate won't be able to make a decision on a House joint resolution concurring with the 9.76-percent monthly allotment cut in 2011.

"We want to know how much the government actually collected and spent, then we will make a decision," she said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reduced the allotments by 9.76 percent as a result of a \$10.565 million shortfall in the original projected revenue for fiscal year 2011.

From the initial estimate of \$132.565 million, the current budget has been projected to reach only \$122 million.

The Fitial administration said that, while Public Law 17-21 or the 2011 budget law makes reference to a legislative concurrence, the Finance secretary also holds a constitutional author-

ity to control and regulate public funds.

Larson thus "exercised her constitutional authority so as to ensure that any such inaction will be a constitutional violation and all allotments were reduced as of April 1, 2011" in view of the decline in resources.

The administration said it was clear that the government will not meet projected revenues, so it didn't have a choice but to initiate a reduction. Many government employees are now subject to 16-hour cuts per pay period and delayed release of checks.

But the Senate is not easily buying the idea that all government branches or agencies' monthly allotments need to be cut.

The Senate will have a session on May 13 on Saipan, and is expected to take up the latest financial report from the administration and the House joint resolution on the allotment cut concurrence.

## CUC

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2009 to \$2.3 million in 2010. In 2008, sewer revenue totaled \$1.2 million.

Meantime, CUC also posted a slight increase in its operating expenses last fiscal year, growing from 2009's \$89.5 million to \$90.7 million in 2010. In 2008, this totaled \$117.2 million.

A significant part of last year's operating expenses went to production fuel (\$54.8 million) and general and administrative expenses, which include personnel costs (\$13.6 million). The rest went to depreciation, \$8.1 million; other production, \$7.5 million; maintenance, \$5.2 million; supplies, \$725,217; and others, \$644,046.

According to the audit report, production of fuel is the single largest expense of CUC, accounting for 60 percent of operating expenses. In 2009, fuel expenses accounted for 53 percent of the agency's total expenses; in 2008, this stood at 70 percent.

The agency projects to incur \$74 million in fuel expenses by the end of the current fiscal year due to uncontrollable crude oil prices in the world market, said CUC chief executive officer Charles Warren.

In terms of capital assets, CUC had

\$87.8 million invested in capital assets in fiscal year 2010, slightly lower than 2009, which has \$90.3 million; and \$96.7 million in fiscal year 2008.

## Ability to pay

In the audit's management discussion and analysis, the auditor said that because of the continued decline in government revenues, its ability to pay for its monthly utility expenses is in doubt for the foreseeable future. The government's monthly billing accounts for about 17 percent of CUC revenues.

"Furtherance to its inability to pay for its utility costs, the CNMI government's ability to pay its personnel payroll costs in the near term is also in doubt," the audit stated, adding that emergency legislation was needed to reprogram funds to ensure payroll could be met.

It said the impact of government's financial crisis will lead to the thousands of government employees being unable to pay their individual utility costs.

"The direct and indirect impact of the NMI government's financial woes will undoubtedly lead to tremendous revenue losses to CUC and thus trigger the need to re-evaluate full cost recovery rates and the provision of superior operational service," added the audit report.

## SHELL

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"If only we all get together and don't buy gas in one day because the prices are so high, maybe Mobil and Shell will listen," said Mike, a 40-year-old Dandan resident who asked that his last name be withheld.

But he said he does not see this happening because island residents are so dependent on gasoline.

"That's why I don't like to look at gas prices anymore. They are always high," he said, adding that his household is now limiting the use of vehicles. He said his family used to visit Koblerville daily for their relatives but the high gas prices forced them to limit their visits to two to three times a week.

Rey Alday, a private sector employee, said his company's six-cylinder truck used to buy \$50 worth of gas that

will last for at least four days.

"But now, it lasts for only three days because of the higher gas prices," Alday told *Saipan Tribune*.

Alday bought \$25 gasoline yesterday at a Shell service station in Dandan.

"That 5.1 gallons will be good for only two days," he said, adding that the increased gas prices forced the company to limit the use of company vehicles to only during office hours.

The latest round of price increases from Mobil and Shell came barely a week after another 10-cent increase on April 28 as the crisis in Middle East and North Africa rages on. It also marked the eighth price increase so far this year.

Fears of possible retaliation from terrorist groups to avenge Osama bin Laden's death didn't ease the price of crude oil, still at over \$110 a barrel.

When the year started, regular unleaded gasoline was \$4.129 a gallon. It has increased by 73 cents since then.



# 37 complete wildland firefighting hand crew training

» **CNMI's Hotshots ready for deployment in case of Calif. wildfires**

## SHEFA to establish a policy for trades institute scholars

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REPORTER

A policy that will guide the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance on how it will assist scholars of the Northern Marianas Trade Institute will be established soon.

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider said this is part of the program's efforts to implement proper procedures in processing applications for all its financial assistance programs.

"At present, there's no regulation for NMTI and we're just following the provisions of the local law which extends the assistance to the trade institute. SHEFA will establish a policy for that," he said.

Because NMTI courses and offerings are different from regular universities and colleges, Hofschneider said that makes it difficult to apply the same procedures.

SHEFA financial assistance

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Submarine makes 2nd visit to Saipan

The USS *Oklahoma City*, an SSN 723-type submarine, arrived at Charlie Dock yesterday morning around 10am. The USS *Oklahoma City* carries 151 officers and crew and is making its second visit to Saipan. The first was on Nov. 24, 2004. The Chamber is urging the community to help continue to build the islands' reputation as the preferred MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) destination in the Asia-Pacific region by warmly welcoming these sailors to the islands. The USS *Oklahoma City* is scheduled to depart in the middle of next week. (SCC)

#### Free business workshops

The CNMI Small Business Development Center, in partnership with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting the following free workshops:

■ How to start a business: May 17, 2011, 9am to 11am

■ How to write a business plan: May 18, 2011, 9am to 11am

The workshops will be held at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office on the first floor of the Famila Building in Garapan. Deadline for pre-registration is 12pm, May 20, 2011. For more information contact Ralph Yumul at 664-3018. Requests for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities must be made 72 hours in advance.

The CNMI Small Business Development Center is partially funded by a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. (SCC)

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Twenty-nine civilians and eight firefighters completed yesterday a weeklong training to become wildland firefighting hand crew.

Four U.S. Forest Service officials who conducted the training handed the certificates to the 37 successful trainees, now considered the CNMI's Hotshots crews.

The 37 are among the 44 applicants who underwent the physical fitness test on Saturday, during which each had to carry a 45-lb backpack for three miles in 45 minutes.

From Monday to Wednesday,

the training consisted of classroom instruction at Kagman Community Center. Field training was held Thursday and Friday.

Mark Courson, battalion chief for the U.S. Forest Service, told *Saipan Tribune* shortly before handing out the certificates to the trainees that they come to the CNMI every year to train volunteers to become wildland firefighting hand crew.

Aside from Courson, the three other trainers are engineer Jamie Henrichsen, captain Tom Starvish, and captain Chris Brenzel.

Acting DPS Fire Division chief Julian Tagabuel joined the U.S. Forest Service officials in congratulating the 37 trainees

near the Office of the Public Auditor's building in Capital Hill where the field training was completed.

Courson said he is impressed with the volunteers' performance.

"They're doing real good. They're focused, paying attention. They're motivated," Courson said.

The battalion chief said some trainees have already been deployed to California in the past years. There was no deployment last year as there were not much wildland fires.

Courson said wildland fires mostly occur in California, usually in late July to September. In case of large wildland fires in the state, the wildland firefight-

ing hand crew from the CNMI will be activated.

Firefighter Dan Suel from the Department of Public Safety's Fire Division serves as the program manager for State Fire Assistance Wildland Fire Service.

Suel said when there is a need to deploy the local Hotshots crew to California, only 20 will be chosen; the assignment will be a total of 32 days.

Eric Lisua, 18, who is among the successful trainees, said he joined the program because he wants to become a firefighter.

"It's challenging," Lisua said, referring to the training.

The CNMI's Hotshots program started in 1998.

## Happy Mothers Day



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~Rajneesh

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## EDITORIAL

### Gunning for bin Laden

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It might seem churlish to second-guess a military operation that removed a master terrorist from the face of the Earth. But conflicting statements from the White House about whether Osama bin Laden was armed during the raid on his compound raise the question of whether the United States ever intended to do anything other than kill him, and if not, whether we should find that troubling.

In his statement to the nation Sunday, President Obama said bin Laden was killed after a firefight, the implication being that he exchanged gunfire with American commandos. Speaking on Monday, John Brennan, Obama's counter-terrorism advisor, echoed those remarks and said: "Whether or not he got off any rounds, I frankly don't know." Then, on Tuesday, White House press secretary Jay Carney backtracked, revealing that bin Laden was in fact unarmed when he was killed.

Some officials insist that capture was a possibility. On Wednesday, Carney said the commandos were told to be prepared to accept bin Laden's surrender. A spokesman for the National Security Council said there were contingency plans to transport him to a naval vessel and begin interrogation. But other officials say that though capturing bin Laden alive was always a possibility, self-defense was defined broadly. They told the Los Angeles Times: "The assault force was told to accept a surrender only if it could be sure he didn't have a bomb hidden under his clothing and posed no other danger." A congressional aide briefed on the rules of engagement said that bin Laden "would have had to be naked for them to allow him to surrender."

The attractions of assassination over capture are obvious: Killing bin Laden forestalls public controversy over whether and where he should be tried. It provides the American people with a sense of closure not offered by a trial. And it sends a powerful message to the world about U.S. resolve—or, as some might perceive it, ruthlessness.

But there also would have been advantages to taking bin Laden alive. He could have provided information about the plans of al-Qaida and the whereabouts of his second-in-command, Ayman Zawahiri. And, as will be the case with the trial of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, a trial for bin Laden would have demonstrated that the United States was willing to afford the protections of U.S. law even to the worst of the worst.

In the end, it is what it is. U.S. forces killed bin Laden in a bold and risky raid. We do not have enough information to say whether the commandos were right or wrong to pull the trigger, and we're not saddened that an implacable foe of the United States is dead.

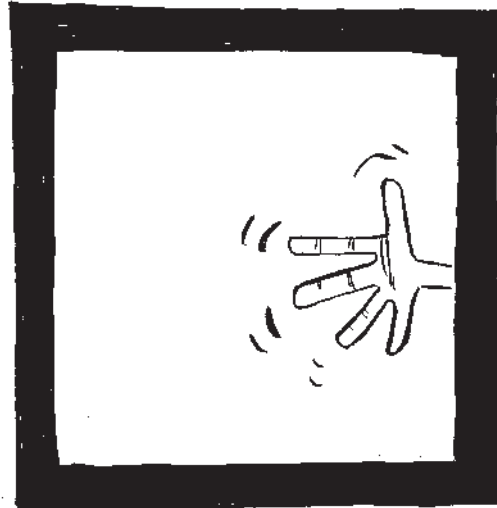
Still, we'd like to think that the people in charge planned for the possibility of capture. There would have been something uplifting—something to be proud of—if bin Laden had been brought home and publicly held to account for his many crimes.

## TERRORISM QUIZ

Are you:

A PART OF THE SOLUTION

B PART OF THE PROBLEM



## Al-Qaida's very bad year

Al-Qaida is having a very bad year. And from the terrorists' standpoint, the death of Osama bin Laden isn't even the worst of it. The biggest potential blow is the spread of democratic politics in the Arab world. If it succeeds, al-Qaida will be deprived of its reason for being.

Bin Laden's death at the hands of American commandos produced strikingly little outrage in the Muslim world. In 2001, when he held the United States and Europe in a state of terror, bin Laden was a hero to a sizable fringe of Muslims frustrated by their countries' stagnant politics. But by the time he died this week, the Saudi-born terrorist had become little more than an object of curiosity. Polls conducted by the Pew Research Center found that the number of people in Muslim countries who expressed confidence in bin Laden plummeted during the last 10 years. Even in Pakistan, where he lived his final years, the terrorist's "job approval" dropped from 52 percent in 2005 to 18 percent in 2010.

Al-Qaida, the movement Bin Laden co-founded, is looking marginal as well. Bin Laden and his lieutenants knew that they could die at any moment, and they tried to design al-Qaida to survive them. When the United States attacked "Al-Qaida Central" in Pakistan and Afghanistan, they decentralized, sponsoring franchises in Yemen, North Africa and Somalia. And they focused more energy on inspiring and supporting individual would-be terrorists in the West.

That strategy isn't working very well. The last known successful attack against a Western country coordinated by al-Qaida Central was the London transit system plot of 2005, almost six years ago. The last apparent "self-starter" attack was the 2009 Fort Hood massacre for which Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan has been indicted, but that was an isolated tragedy.

Even more important, al-Qaida's theory of history looks increasingly irrelevant. Bin Laden didn't stage terrorist attacks because (as then-President George W. Bush contended) he hated our freedom. Bin Laden and his Egyptian lieutenant, Ayman Zawahiri, plotted attacks against the United States, "the far enemy," because they believed that that was the quickest way to bring down repressive regimes in their own homelands, "the near enemy."

They turned out to be wrong. Al-Qaida's attacks didn't prompt an American withdrawal from the Muslim world; quite the contrary. The United States increased its presence in the region, invading Iraq and Afghanistan—without touching off the regionwide insurrection bin Laden hoped for.

Over time, most Muslims decided that they didn't want to live under bin Laden's version of Islam, especially after local branches of al-Qaida killed thousands of civilians in Iraq and other countries.

And in the final failure of bin Laden's career, many of the local affiliates of al-Qaida—the organizations that were intended to keep his message alive after he was gone—took their eye off the ball. In Iraq, Yemen, Algeria and Somalia, al-Qaida's successors found themselves sucked into local politics, not the grand transnational terrorism that was supposed to be their trademark.

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As my colleagues Brian Bennett and Ken Dilanian reported Wednesday, U.S. intelligence officials say Bin Laden recently sent messages to the affiliates—by courier, apparently, from his Abbottabad hideout—admonishing them to remember that their target was the United States, not local regimes.

But in most of the Muslim world, all politics are local now. Autocratic regimes in Tunisia and Egypt have fallen; autocratic regimes in Yemen, Syria and Libya are tottering. And not only is the United States, bin Laden's "far enemy," not propping the dictators up, but its president is standing ostentatiously on the sidelines, encouraging young Arabs to take their future into their own hands.

Bin Laden appealed to Muslims with a message that said, essentially: The way to assert your dignity and regain your rights is to attack the United States, as violently as possible.

The lesson of the Arab Spring has been the opposite: Young Tunisians and Egyptians found their dignity and won their rights by going into the streets with as little violence as possible.

In Tunisia and Egypt, Muslim militants have plunged into local politics, but the center of Islamist energy is the locally focused Muslim Brotherhood, not al-Qaida. "Al-Qaida hates the Muslim Brotherhood," notes terrorism expert Audrey Kurth Cronin. "The Brotherhood is willing to work within the political system, and their success has increased the marginalization of al-Qaida."

It may take years for Al Qaeda to wither away, warns Cronin, who studied the life-cycles of terrorist groups for her book "How Terrorism Ends." But if most of al-Qaida's remaining members focus on local politics instead of attacks on the United States, an intriguing question arises: Do we need to care about them anymore?

We'll still worry about terrorism in countries that are important to us: Saudi Arabia, with its oil, or Pakistan, with its nuclear weapons. And in the United States, individual militants may still turn up, inspired by bin Laden's successors. But those problems are a far cry from the threat we saw in the implacable, well-organized al-Qaida that attacked New York and Washington in 2001.

As President Obama and his aides have been quick to warn, the war against al-Qaida isn't over. But we may be seeing the beginning of the end. And among the most important weapons for the United States in the next phase of the struggle are the old-fashioned tools of diplomacy and foreign aid, wielded to help democracy succeed and deprive al-Qaida of its reason for being.



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## Majulah Singapura Vote 2011

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Voters in Singapore today elect members of Parliament who will form the government, dominated by the People's Action Party headed by the father-son tandem, the Lees. The former's seat remains uncontested, and has the title of PM mentor in the Cabinet. The son is a genial person who exudes ordinary casualness.

Google "Singapore" for excellent reference materials on the city. We comment only on our experience, direct and derived. We are admirers of the city state since we visited in '77, and again, in '88.

*Singapura* is Sanskrit for the "land of the lion," a misnomer since there are no lions in the area except the imported ones at zoos; it was most likely the Bengal tiger that populates the rain forests from Bengali to Sumatra that was the source of the derivation, a smaller cousin of the Siberian tiger now in the extinct status in Yanbian (Korea in China, south of Siberia).

The Malay "Onward Singapore" in the title is a rather curious state slogan in a country that is three-fourth Chinese, with 13 per-

cent (*mas o menos*) Malay and Indian (mostly Tamil) each, and the rest as others. Forty-four percent of its residents are non-citizens, has one of the highest per capita incomes in the world, and sits astride one of the busy naval bottlenecks (at the mouth of the Strait of Malacca), and the commercial crossroad of East-West transshipments.

Transshipment is one of those financial tricks that create phantom wealth. Fruits leaving the Philippines, say, with a declared value of \$1 is sent to Singapore, leaves the city state for Europe with a declared value of \$3, and is marketed in Belgium at \$5 wholesale, profits accruing to the same company. The poor growers and producers at source in commercial plantations that haphazardly uses chemical inputs who do most of the work hardly get anything for their efforts, but the bean counters between Manila and Brussels get hefty earnings in the transshipment process.

We do not begrudge Singapore being strategically positioned to benefit from the labors expended elsewhere. It is, however, a different story when we read of Singapore being touted as a model of economic development, particularly of similarly sized islands, even using its two newly opened casinos as a justification for doing the same elsewhere.

The key term here, a tenet in the real estate market, is location, location, location. From the British ventures with the East India Co., one might consider Singapore as a child of Lloyds of London, and it is the speculative nature of its economy guided by the Lee family in an exemplary corruption-free corporate structure that makes its politics worth the look-see, but hardly subject to emulation.

To yearn for a possible direction in the same journey is wishful thinking. This would be like saying that given the real estate value in Garapan, we can build residential units in Marpi to jack up the land's value, notwithstanding the dismal track record of *Anaks*. But again, there is no restriction on wishful thinking; it is when surreptitiously the electrical poles start going up that enlightened citizens bother to counter act.

Singapore's elected officials receive ministerial portfolios, including mayoral responsibilities in districts, directly accountable to constitu-

ents. This is like having Saipan-Northern Island legislators as mayors also. PMs head government departments with civil servants working to support their program. Socialist policies ushered the government's beginning and context, free-market practices characterized its evolution.

Constituencies elect single members (SMC) or group representatives (GRC), with one of the latter representing a minority constituency. Members of Parliament are elected through their parties, and political butterflies lose their seats if they decide to change party while in office. At least three non-constituency members are assigned from the non-ruling party when there is a failure to elect opposition members. Diversity is required, and voting by citizens is not a privileged right, it is mandatory!

Polling day takes place 10 days but not more than two months after candidates register, 11-to-noon on April 26 this year. Campaigning ceases 24 hours before polling. Candidates say darn things like "we are running against worthy opponents." Electors choose from party platform models plotting the next five years. Politics wears a development plan and a *Singapura* smile.

We have reservations on some of the stern practices like public caning, but in '77, spitting on the ground entailed a S\$250 fine. The resolute public works program of tree planting lowered the city's temperature compared to Jahore across the Strait, and of course, a Lee Kuan Yew who lives monastic-like in a two-bedroom apartment (but no private masseuse), repetitively whispers *Maranatha* because the sound soothes his mind without the religious luggage, has enlightened views against his country's homophobia, mouth's Mao Zedong's *nu ren tan bian tian* (women can hold half the sky) with an unapologetic tinge of Confucian patriarchy, and the feisty hakka *lao ye ye* is up on the ethnic ranks of Sun Yat-sen and Deng Xiaopeng, hardly a pedigree that one needs to apologize for. The Lees' autocracy is Confucian-heavy on obligation and responsibility. Willing to die of heart attack if that can be shown to be replicable on Saipan.

*Majulah Singapura.*

## Obama's 'best night' and its 2012 implications

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President Barack Obama's stunning announcement that U.S. forces had killed Osama bin Laden is first and foremost an enormous American victory that eliminates a vicious adversary who both masterminded anti-Western terrorism and symbolized the dark side of Islamic fundamentalism.

But bin Laden's death also has important domestic political implications.

Though unlikely to become the centerpiece of Obama's 2012 re-election campaign, as George W. Bush stressed his post-9/11 leadership in 2004, it provides a powerful boost for Obama's standing as a strong leader and counters frequent Republican charges that he's indecisive.

And it shows the problems GOP hopefuls face in challenging an incumbent president, as was clear in the somewhat strained statements several issued after the Obama's surprise announcement Sunday night.

Obama's success came against a backdrop of his difficulties in try-

ing to complete the U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, lay the stage for starting a similar drawdown from Afghanistan and cope with the complex Libyan situation without becoming enmeshed in another major war or failing to protect insurgents trying to overthrow Moammar Gadhafi.

Indeed, it may help Obama follow through on his promise to begin withdrawing U.S. forces from Afghanistan this summer.

And his announcement that U.S. forces had killed the modern-day mastermind of international terrorism came just 66 years after the announcement of the death of another purveyor of mass evil, Nazi Germany's Adolf Hitler.

It also came eight years to the day after Bush famously proclaimed a premature end to military operations in Iraq beneath a sign declaring, "Mission Accomplished."

Obama asserted, from the outset, that he had made bin Laden's killing or capture "the top priority of our war against terror," a statement that could be seen as veiled criticism of Bush for over-stressing Iraq or continuity with his predecessor's vow to get bin Laden "dead or alive."

On Sunday, Obama phoned Bush, who responded with a warm statement calling it a "momentous achievement" and congratulating Obama "and the men and women of our military and intelligence communities who devoted their lives to this mission."

Former Vice President Dick Cheney also commended Obama, as did House Speaker John Boehner, 2008 Obama rival John McCain and some potential presidential candidates, including developer Donald Trump, former Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Min-

nesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

Other Republicans, including several 2012 hopefuls, either downplayed—or totally withheld—any direct references to Obama, lest they say something too complimentary about the man they hope to unseat.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney congratulated "our intelligence community, our military and the president."

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum limited their comments to praising military and intelligence operatives.

Though Obama's poll standings rose immediately, the longer political impact may be harder to figure. After all, domestic issues still expect to dominate the 2012 campaign, and bitter budget battles lie ahead.

But bin Laden's death gives Obama a tangible boost in one historically accurate measure of presidential re-election prospects: American University historian Allan Lichtman's system that rates an incumbent in re-election trouble if at least six of 13 "keys" to the presidency turn against him.

Some are pre-determined by such factors as a president seeking re-election and the GOP gaining mid-term election House seats. But others hinge on events, including two on the economy and two on foreign policy.

So far, Obama had done well on one foreign policy "key" by avoiding a foreign or military disaster but less well on the one rewarding a major success. Bin Laden's death assures him that signal achievement.

It's just one more reason why David Gergen, a top White House aide for both Republicans and Democrats, said on CNN, "It's the best night of his presidency."

## Now it's Egyptian economy that needs a revolution

By **EHAB KOTH**

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The Egyptian uprising was sparked to a large extent by the bad economic situation. Daily life in Egypt had become very difficult, especially for young people who had become frustrated and desperate, with no hope for the future.

And it was those young, intelligent, educated people who saw the corruption of the former regime who were the ones who ended up leading the revolution.

The Egyptian economy has long been state-dominated, despite that fact that a process of privatization had been under way over the last two decades. Price controls were relaxed; subsidies, inflation and taxes reduced; the nation's gross domestic product grew. None of that, however, led to more equitable distribution of wealth.

Nor did privatization lead to a change in outlook within the business sector, which was still dominated by a public sector mentality. The

major business leaders did not allow young middle managers to innovate or lead. This led to widespread frustration among the working and middle classes—again, especially among young people.

A combination of high unemployment, rising inflation and the government's attempt to reduce subsidies intended to keep the price of basic goods low all conspired against average citizens. Meat, for example, became so expensive that many could only afford to buy it once or twice a month.

Now, in this post-revolution period, there has been little attempt by any political party to provide a coherent program to address these issues. Politicians have rushed to present unrealistic solutions, such as promising to unilaterally lower the price of basic foods, without explaining exactly how they will do this.

Egypt cannot continue down this route. We have changed the regime but failed to address the system. Anti-corruption measures must be a priority. The entire banking system needs to be reformed, particularly lending and investment, to try to encourage middle-

sized enterprises which will also have the added benefit of creating employment.

The middle-class needs to have full access to the credit system, which until now has been largely restricted to big business. Private investment in tourism and manufacturing is needed, and the role of the army as an employer reduced. Having the army as a major employer is not a situation that helps the country either economically or in its transition to democracy.

The international community has provided emergency aid which will be very useful in the short term. But looking further down the road, we need widespread technical assistance.

Without action, Egypt's economic problems will only grow. Between January and March this year, because of the uprising, our economy shrank by around 7 percent. The International Monetary Fund had predicted annual growth of 5 percent; that has now been downgraded this to 1 percent.






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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲84 ▼79
Pohnpei	Rain	▲87 ▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲85 ▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲85 ▼78

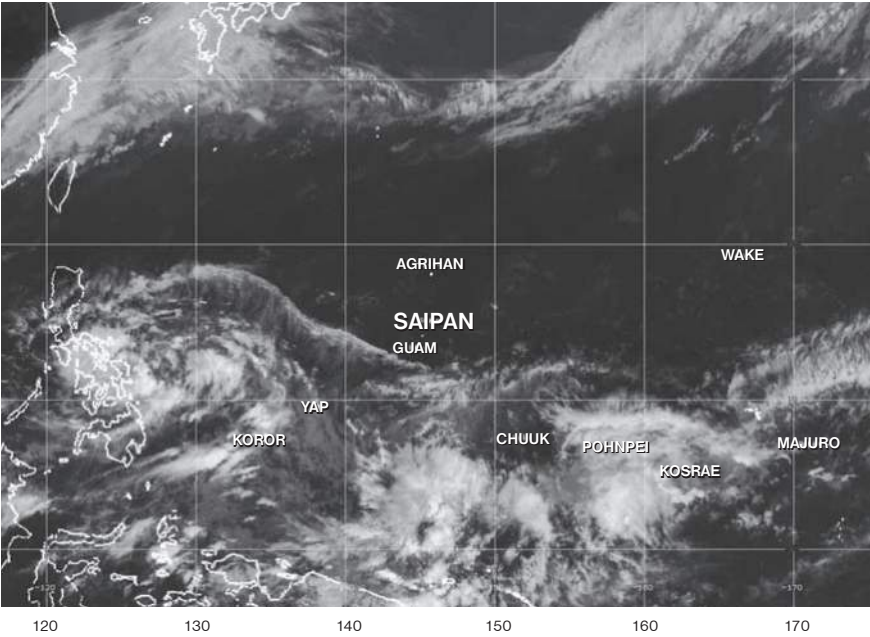
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲65 ▼61
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼59
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲82 ▼77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼73
London	Showers	▲72 ▼58
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼82
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲66 ▼49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼72
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼53
Osaka	Showers	▲72 ▼60
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼58
Pusan	Showers	▲68 ▼61
Rome	Sunny	▲74 ▼54
Salem	Showers	▲59 ▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼53
Seoul	Showers	▲69 ▼55
Tokyo	Showers	▲67 ▼59
Washington, DC	Showers	▲70 ▼51

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:20 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:01 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:28 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
11:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends southeastward from 10N130E through a weak circulation centered southwest of Chuuk at 2N145E to end at EQ148E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough are occurring near Koror within 100 miles of a line from 13N132E to 4N134E to EQ140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the circulation are found south of the Marianas between 11N and the equator from 140E to 145E. Converging winds east of the circulation are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk and Pohnpei within 150 miles of a line from 1N147E to 5N158E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers over Kosrae and south of Majuro between 7N and 1N from 160E to 174E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Wednesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:44 AM	10:04 PM
Sunday	9:40 AM	10:54 PM
Monday	10:37 AM	11:42 PM
Tuesday	11:33 AM	
Wednesday	12:30 PM	12:28 AM

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<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b> DL287 6:00am 8:45am Daily, Departs at 6:05am effective June 1 DL285 6:40am 9:15am 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b> DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL286 7:45pm 12:20am+1 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 DL288 8:05pm 12:35am+1 Daily, Arrives at 12:45am effective June 1, 2011
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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

## FLY GUAM FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Guam-Saipan	Flight Sector	ETD	ETA	Turn-around Time	Flytime Hrs	Dates
5K389		12:30	13:20	01:00	00:50	Mon, Thu, Sat
<b>Saipan-Guam</b>						
5K382		18:05	18:55	HK	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
<b>Saipan-Hong Kong</b>						
5K168		14:20	17:30	HKG	05:10	Mon, Thu, Sat
<b>Hong Kong-Saipan</b>						
5K169		10:00	17:05	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun
<b>Mar. 28 - May 22</b>						
<b>Guam-Saipan</b>						
5K389		13:35	14:25	01:00	00:50	Mon, Thu, Sat
<b>Saipan-Guam</b>						
5K382		18:00	18:50	HKG	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
<b>Saipan-Hong Kong</b>						
5K168		15:25	18:35	HKG	05:10	Mon, Thu, Sat
<b>Hong Kong-Saipan</b>						
5K169		09:55	17:00	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

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- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES		
<b>CATHOLIC</b> 	<b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm	Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143
	<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm	<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158
	<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm) Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273	<b>Immanuel Methodist Church</b> (Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am
	<b>Santa Soledad Mission Parish</b> Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am, Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568	<b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm
	<b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007	<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm
<b>PROTESTANT</b> 	<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday	<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan</b> (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm
	<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass	<b>First Baptist Church Koblerville</b> Sunday services: Sunday school 9:00am Morning worship 10:00am Evening service 6:00pm Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm
	<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm	<b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan</b> Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
	<b>San Jose (Oleai) Parish</b> Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991	<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)
	<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English	<b>Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan</b> English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm
Editor's Note: Information subject to change without prior notice. All information provided by the respective churches. If you want your church or religious activities included or to report changes and errors, call <i>Saipan Tribune</i> at 235-6397 or 235-2440 or email editor@saipantribune.com.		

# Business

## Gas prices could slow job growth

WASHINGTON (AP)—A brightened outlook for job growth may dim this spring as rising gas prices weigh on companies and prompt some to rethink their hiring plans. Analysts’ consensus forecast is that the economy added 185,000 jobs in April and that the unemployment rate remained at a two-year low of 8.8 percent. That would be down from the 216,000 jobs added in March but still solid.

Still, just a few weeks ago economists were confident that private companies would add more than 200,000 jobs for the third straight month. Some now worry that the job figures could be weaker than expected, based on the most recent economic data.

“There are risks out there that job growth could slow sharply,” said economist Chris Rupkey at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ. For now, Rupkey is sticking with his forecast that a net total of 170,000 jobs were created in

April. He predicts that private employers added fewer than 200,000 jobs, while local governments shed positions.

But Rupkey is concerned that Friday’s jobs figure could fall short of that.

Average gas prices have risen for 44 straight days. Consumers are spending more to fill the tanks, leaving them with less to spend elsewhere. As a result, many companies are feeling less certain about the economy’s health.

Oil prices plummeted Thursday to settle below \$100 a barrel for the first time since mid-March. But the plunge in oil may be enough only to keep pump prices from reaching a national average of \$4 a gallon.

The number of people applying for unemployment benefits last week jumped to an eight-month high.

Also, the economy slowed sharply in the first three months of this year. A big reason: High gas prices weakened consumer spending.

## BoG expands California reach

### » Senior vice presidents Joves, Laney hired

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam is expanding its reach to California and has hired Dave Joves and Blaine Laney to lead the bank’s newly created California Region.

“In line with our long term strategic vision, we are very excited to be expanding our



Joves

edge of the California market, and keen credit and marketing savvy that will support our initiatives in this area. The expansion of our California presence is very favorable for us as we fully expect to avail ourselves of opportunities available at a time when the California economy is poised for growth. This move will add value to our shareholders and our customers,” said Bank of Guam president, board chair, and chief executive officer Lou Leon Guerrero.

Joves and Laney’s hiring were announced during the bank’s annual shareholder meeting on May 3.

Joves has been hired as senior vice president and regional manager of Bank of Guam’s California Region.

He joins the bank after 14 years with Mission National Bank (MNB) San Francisco, California, four of them as president, chief executive officer, and director with the bank.

Joves had previously served



Laney

nine years as the chief financial officer of MNB. An alumnus of University of California, Davis with a Master of Business Administration from the University of San Francisco, Joves serves on the following boards: director, Western Independent Bankers; director and chairman, Western Independent Bankers Service Corporation; and director, Association of Asian American Bankers.

Laney, meanwhile, has been hired as senior vice president, chief credit officer of Bank of Guam’s California Region.

He is a 33-year veteran lender with 30 years in Community Banking. Laney joins Bank of Guam after 12 years as chief lending officer for Mission National Bank in San Francisco, California.

His previous banking experiences were with Omni National Bank, Landmark Bank and Zions First National Bank. Laney is an alumnus of Brigham Young University and is a graduate of the Managerial Policy Institute, University of Southern California School of Business, and has been a member of the RMA (Risk Management Association) Board of Directors and an Associate Member of California Association of Health Facilities, Developmental Services Network and National Association of Convenience Stores. (**BoG**)



# Nation

## Obama in NY: We never forget, we mean what we say

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Solemnly honoring victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, President Barack Obama hugged survivors, thanked the heroes of one of the nation's darkest days and declared Thursday that the killing of Osama bin Laden after all these years was an American message to the world: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say."

On a brilliant blue-sky day, one of reflection more than celebration, Obama offered New Yorkers a moment of their own. Standing at the gritty construction site of ground zero, where the towers fell and a memorial now rises, the president laid a

wreath of red, white and blue flowers for the nearly 3,000 who died as he marked a turning point for the nation and this city of steely resilience.

For Obama, the day was about the importance of being in New York in the aftermath of the successful raid to find and kill bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader. Obama addressed families who have watched and wondered for nearly a decade whether the government would track down its most infamous enemy.

On this special ground, Obama never mentioned bin Laden's name.

Still, this was where the terrorist inflicted his greatest dam-

age on a similarly sunny day in 2001 when hijacked airliners were crashed into the World Trade Center. Nearly 200 other people died when a third airliner hit the Pentagon—Vice President Joe Biden led a ceremony there on Thursday, and Bush Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld attended—and others were killed when yet a fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania.

Enthusiastic, emotional New Yorkers waited on streets to see the president, but there were few displays like the more raucous exuberance of a few days earlier. There were happy faces, shouts of "USA! USA!" and flags waved in the crowd, but

there also was heavy security and most people were cordoned off blocks from where the president could be seen.

Referring to the daring U.S. raid to take down bin Laden in Pakistan, Obama said of all those who died on Sept. 11: "It says we keep them in our hearts. We haven't forgotten."

Days after the attacks, President George W. Bush stood here with firefighters and a bullhorn. There was a different feel a decade later as another president paid his respects. Obama met

with firefighters, then police, before having a solemn moment at ground zero and meeting privately with families of those who died.

"This is a symbolic site of the extraordinary sacrifice that was made on that terrible day," the president said at Engine 54, Ladder 4, Battalion 9. The firehouse in New York's theater district lost 15 firefighters on 9/11. The fire crews gave him hearty applause.

Obama said the American pursuit of the terrorist leader

"sent a message around the world but also sent a message here back home that when we say we will never forget, we mean what we say, that our commitment to making sure that justice is done is something that transcended politics, transcended party."

Bin Laden was shot dead in a raid on his Pakistan compound early Monday in Pakistan, the result of years of painstaking intelligence work and a covert military mission in which none of the U.S. commandos was killed.

## Info from Osama raid shows interest in US trains

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Some of the first information gleaned from Osama bin Laden's compound indicates al-Qaida considered attacking U.S. trains on the upcoming anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. But counterterrorism officials say they believe the planning never got beyond the initial phase and have no recent intelligence pointing to an active plot for such an attack.

As of February 2010, the terror organization was considering plans to attack the U.S. on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. One idea outlined in handwritten notes was to tamper with an unspecified U.S. rail track so that a train would fall off the track at a valley or a bridge, according to a joint FBI and Homeland Security bulletin sent to law enforcement officials around the country Thursday. The al-Qaida planners noted that if they attacked a train by tilting it, the plan would only succeed once because the tilting would be spotted the next time.

The warning, obtained by The Associated Press, was marked for "official use only."

Information on the train plot appears to be the first widely circulated intelligence pulled

from the raid this week on bin Laden's secret compound in Pakistan. After killing the terror leader and four of his associates, Navy SEALs confiscated a treasure trove of computers, DVDs and documents from the home where U.S. officials believe the al-Qaida chief had been hiding for up to six years.

Other intelligence information gathered at the compound represented a terrorist wish list but has revealed no specific plan so far, a U.S. official said. He said documents indicated a desire to hit the U.S. with large-scale attacks in major cities and on key dates such as anniversaries and holidays. But there was no sign those plans were anything more than ambitions. The U.S. official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters.

Intelligence analysts have been reviewing and translating the material, looking for information about pending plots and other terror connections. Even before the raid, intelligence officials for years have warned that al-Qaida is interested in attacking major U.S. cities on holidays, anniversaries and other dates that are uniquely American.

"While it is clear that there was some level of planning for this type of operation in February 2010, we have no recent information to indicate an active ongoing plot to target transportation and no information on possible locations or specific targets," the warning Thursday said.

The FBI and Homeland Security told local officials to be on the lookout for clips or spikes missing from train tracks, packages left on or near the tracks and other indications that a train could be vulnerable.

Homeland Security spokesman Matt Chandler said, "This alleged al-Qaida plotting is based on initial reporting, which is often misleading or inaccurate and subject to change." He said the government has no plans to issue an official terror alert because of it.

An official with the Association of American Railroads said the organization has received warnings from the federal government and is sharing the information throughout the railroad network. "We are always making sure that the system is run as safely and securely as possible," the organization's spokeswoman, Patricia Reilly, said.



President Barack Obama, accompanied by a New York City Police officer, New York City Firefighter, and Port Authority officers, carries a wreath to be placed at the World Trade Center site in New York, Thursday, May 5, 2011.

## For families of tornadoes' missing, a long torment

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)**—Where is Johnnie Brown's sister? Or the friend Billie Sue Hall talked to every day? A week after tornadoes ripped neighborhoods to shreds across the South, there still are no answers.

It's unclear how many people are missing across the seven states where 329 deaths have been reported. There are 25 unaccounted for in Tuscaloosa alone, the mayor says, but that number could be off because of the chaos the storm left behind.

Cadaver dog teams across the region are scouring the debris to uncover whatever tragedies may remain, and even bad news would be comforting to anguished families.

Tracy Sargent's dog team took just minutes to do what humans searching for hours could not: Locate the body of a University of Alabama student in a maze of twisted trees and debris. The young man's father was there when the body was found in Tuscaloosa this week.

"(The father) went over there and bent over and touched his son and started talking to him," Sargent said. "And he hugged him, started crying, and told him that he loved him and that he would miss him."

Brown doesn't know if that sort of moment awaits him. A picture of his sister, Latoya, smiling in an elegant orange dress, is posted on a wall of the Tuscaloosa shelter where he is staying. "Missing," the paper says.

"When I think about it, man, I just want to be by myself. I don't want nobody talking to me, nothing," the 20-year-old said, his voice barely audible.

Brown said his 21-year-old sister had been visiting friends at Rosedale Apartments the day the tornado hit. Police are looking for her, and rescue crews who searched the complex Wednesday did not find her, but he said his family is starting to fear the worst.

He still tries calling Latoya's

cell phone, but gets agitated every time as it goes straight to voice mail.

Efforts to pin down the number of missing have been complicated by factors including multiple reports of the same missing person, or survivors who found shelter without contacting friends who reached out to police. Sometimes the police have only a first name.

"Obviously, there's not a whole lot you can do with that information," Tuscaloosa Police Chief Steven Anderson said Thursday.

Alabama officials are declining to say how many people could be missing statewide, and are now even keeping mum about the state's official death toll as it re-examines the tally. They reduced the figure from 250 to 236 on Monday after accounting for a gruesome fact of the storm: Some victims had been counted more than once because parts of their bodies were found in more than one place.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### FBI: 20 suspicious letters mailed to DC schools

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The FBI now says it is investigating at least 20 suspicious letters with white powder that have been delivered to schools in Washington. Christopher Combs, who oversees domestic terrorism investigations for the FBI's Washington field office, tells WRC-TV that more letters could still be found. Authorities say there are no indications that the letters contained any hazardous material, and there are no reported injuries or illnesses. Combs says they are being taken to a lab where the material inside will be examined.

#### 2 Ohio students drown, 1 missing in Costa Rica

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)**—A strong undertow in the Pacific Ocean off Costa Rica swept a group of Ohio high school students out to sea while they took a beach break during a religious mission trip, killing two of them and leaving a third missing. The current pulled them away from shore Wednesday afternoon, according to

a statement from their school, Patriot Preparatory Academy in Columbus. They were among eight juniors and seniors taking a service trip not sponsored by the school and were to return home Thursday.

#### Holder intervenes in gay man's deportation case

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Attorney General Eric Holder has taken the uncommon step of setting aside the ruling of an immigration judicial panel in the deportation case of a gay man. Paul Wilson Dorman is illegally in the U.S. and wants to stay with his partner, whom he married in a civil union in New Jersey. Holder has asked the panel to reconsider the case and whether Dorman can be considered a spouse under New Jersey law. Holder also asks in his decision filed Wednesday whether Dorman's civil union or same-sex partnership would qualify him as a spouse under immigration law were it not for the Defense of Marriage Act. The act defines marriage as between a man and woman.



# Asia

## Pakistan's army warns US not to stage more raids



Pakistani army troops guard the perimeter of the walled compound of a house where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was caught and killed in Abbottabad, Pakistan, on Thursday, May 5, 2011.

**ISLAMABAD (AP)**—Pakistan's army broke its silence Thursday over the U.S. commando raid that killed Osama bin Laden, acknowledging its own "shortcomings" in efforts to find the al-Qaida leader but threatening to review cooperation with Washington if there is another similar violation of Pakistani sovereignty.

The tough-sounding statement was a sign of the anger in the army. It also appeared aimed at appeasing politicians, the public and the media in the country over what's viewed by many here as a national humiliation delivered by a deeply un-

popular America.

While international concerns are centered on suspicions that elements of the security forces sheltered bin Laden, most Pakistanis seem more upset that uninvited American soldiers flew into the country, landed on the ground and launched an attack on a house—and that the army was unaware and unable to stop them. That it happened in an army town, next door to a military academy and close to the capital has added to the embarrassment.

Ties between the two countries were already strained before the raid because of American allega-

tions that Islamabad was failing to crack down on Afghan Taliban factions sheltering on Pakistani soil. Pakistan was angered over stepped-up U.S. drone strikes and the case of Raymond Davis, a CIA contractor who killed two Pakistanis in January.

While U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Washington would continue engaging with Pakistan, the fallout from Monday's raid has added a new layer of tensions to a relationship that is crucial to stabilizing Afghanistan and allowing American troops to begin withdrawing this year.

## Afghan protesters criticize overtures to Taliban

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—About 2,000 protesters gathered Thursday to criticize President Hamid Karzai's willingness to start peace talks with the Taliban.

Two former high-ranking Afghan officials, speaking at the protest, said Karzai is wrong to reach out to the Taliban and also was too beholden to neighboring Pakistan—where Osama bin Laden had been hiding until his death three days ago in a U.S. raid.

"We have not forgotten the burning of our homeland and the humiliation of the men and women of Afghanistan," said former intelligence chief Amrullah Saleh, referring to the Taliban.

"But you (Karzai) are still calling these people 'brother.'"

Abdullah Abdullah, Karzai's former foreign minister and his opponent in Afghanistan's 2009 presidential election, said the president was "losing his way."

"The Taliban are joining with the terrorists by the order of the foreign intelligence, yet everyday Karzai is apologizing to them," said Abdullah. "The majority of the Afghan people wants peace, but peace at what price? Peace with whom, and for what purpose?"

Karzai and the Obama administration have said they will negotiate with any member of the Taliban who embraces the

Afghan constitution, renounces violence and severs ties with al-Qaida. Informal contacts have been made in recent months with high-ranking Taliban figures, but no formal peace talks are under way.

Some Afghans believe that the Taliban will never submit to such conditions and should not be considered a negotiating partner.

Karzai and U.S. diplomats have sought Pakistan's involvement in peace talks. However, the Taliban's long-standing ties with Pakistan and the recent discovery of bin Laden hiding there has led some to question Pakistan's commitment to peace in Afghanistan.

official said the Hmong were calling for a separate state and that people living outside Vietnam were believed to be orchestrating the demonstrations. The official was identified only as Bac because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

### Ship hijacked with 24 Chinese crew in Arabian Sea

**BEIJING (AP)**—Chinese state media say pirates have hijacked a cargo ship with 24 Chinese

sailors on board in the Arabian Sea. The official Xinhua News Agency said in a brief report that the Panama-registered ship was hijacked by seven pirates at noon Beijing time (0400 GMT) Thursday. Pirates from Somalia, which has not had a functioning government in two decades, are active in the region. Confrontations with pirates have turned increasingly violent in recent months. Pirates typically command approximately \$5 million to release a ship and crew.

# World

## Islamic world quiet as bin Laden age closes

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—In life, Osama bin Laden was ingrained in the Muslim consciousness in countless ways: the lion of holy warriors, the untouchable nemesis of the West, the evil zealot who soiled their faith with blood and intolerance.

In death, however, the voices across the Islamic world are now relatively muted in sharp counterpoint to the rage and shame—or hero-worship—that he long inspired.

For some, the account of bin Laden's death during a U.S. raid early Monday on his Pakistan compound is still too much to accept. One post on a militant website asks: "Has the sheik really died?"

But a more complex explanation for the relative quiet on the Muslim streets lies, in fact, on those same streets.

The pro-democracy uprisings across the Arab world suggest to many that al-Qaida's clenched-fist ideology has little place for a new generation seeking Western-style political reforms and freedoms—even though al-Qaida offshoots still hold ground in places such as Yemen and Pakistan.

"Bin Laden died in Egypt before he was killed in Pakistan," said Abdulkhaleq Abdullah, a

professor of political science at Emirates University. "The young people who successfully challenged the status quo with peaceful means proved change the bin Laden way—the violent way, the jihad way—did not come."

Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Saad Hariri—who took office after his father Rafik Hariri was killed in a 2005 truck bombing in Beirut—said bin Laden's death serves as something of a moment of silence for those killed by al-Qaida or groups that borrowed their violence creed.

"Any Arab or Muslim who believes that terrorism is destructive and harmful to Arabism and Islam, cannot but receive the news of the fate of Osama bin Laden with feelings of sympathy toward the family of thousands of victims who died in different areas of the world because of him or by his orders," said a statement by Saad Hariri.

Even in Iraq, there have been few public outpourings of happiness or grief in a country that has suffered years of relentless bombings and attacks by al-Qaida-linked groups targeting American forces or supporters of the U.S.-backed government.

A Baghdad-based political

analyst, Hadi Jalo, said it appears to reflect a shift in Sunni insurgent groups that once called for a medieval-style Islamic caliphate in Iraq. They now are increasingly plotting ways to influence Iraq's political world with U.S. troops scheduled to leave by the end of the year.

"Iraq today is different from Iraq in 2004, 2005 and 2006," Jalo said. "If the death news came at that period, we would see mourning ceremonies in different areas where al-Qaida insurgents were active."

In neighboring Iran—which backed the Shiite militant foes of Iraq's al-Qaida militants—bin Laden's death brought little public reaction, but was used by the Islamic rulers to jab at Washington. A commentary Wednesday by Iran's semiofficial Fars News Agency mocked the epic costs of the near decade-long hunt for America's most-wanted figure and its wars in the region.

"American lives are being lost. Innocent civilians are being killed. Several of the conflicts appear to be primed to go on for a long time," said the agency, which is closely aligned with Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard.

## Men search shattered Libyan city for unburied dead

**MISRATA, Libya (AP)**—Flies flickered through flashlight beams and a foul odor filled the air as the men tromped down the stairs to a basement. Their rubber boots splashed in ankle-deep putrid water as they scanned the darkness for the bodies they'd come to retrieve.

"Here's one," someone said. Then another. And another. And another.

Theirs is a particularly morbid volunteer project: Combining the war-shattered streets for the unburied dead from two months of urban combat.

Since the uprising against Moammar Gadhafi began in mid-February, Libya's third-largest city has endured some of the country's most violent battles. Gadhafi's troops have surrounded the coastal city from three sides and subjected it to daily shelling.

Residents-turned-rebels mobilized to fight back, pushing Gadhafi's troops from the city center in late April. That battle and others have killed hundreds—many of whom were buried hastily or merely left where they fell.

The group has found well over 100 bodies, including 44 charred corpses in one house, said Dr. Faraj Ahmed, a veterinarian.

The group's members are not trained to deal with the dead, and no one asked them to do it. Instead, the laborers, businessmen and university students organized themselves, driven by the desire to clean up their city and follow the Islamic obligation to respect the dead.

"In the end, we are all sons of Adam and need to be treated like sons of Adam," said Bashir Ibrahim. "We all deserve a proper burial."

The need for their job be-

came obvious after rebels took the city center.

"When Gadhafi's forces pulled out, we found that they had left lots of bodies—10 here, 25 there—and the dogs and the cats were eating them," Ibrahim said.

Since then, between 20 and 40 volunteers report for duty each day.

"It's whoever shows up," Ibrahim said. "It's not easy work and it smells bad. Some people come one day and never come back."

About 25 men assembled on a recent morning on Tripoli Street—Misrata's main commercial thoroughfare in prewar days—in front of a once-posh furniture store called Make Yourself at Home. Some wore blue smocks, others were in gray coveralls, but all sported gleaming white baseball caps and bright yellow rubber boots.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Vietnam quashes rare Hmong uprising lasting days

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)**—Vietnamese security forces quashed a rare protest of hundreds of ethnic Hmong Christians calling for an independent state, officials said Thursday. Giang Thi Hoa, vice president of the People's Committee in Dien Bien province, said the situation was brought under control after several days. She did not provide more details. Another People's Committee of-

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Residents: Syrian troops mass around coastal city

**BEIRUT (AP)**—The Syrian army said Thursday it has begun withdrawing from a city at the heart of the country's uprising, but the regime expanded its crackdown elsewhere by deploying soldiers and arresting hundreds ahead of a new wave of anti-government protests. The siege on Daraa—the southern city where Syria's six-week-old uprising began—lasted 11 days with President Bashar

Assad unleashing tanks and snipers to crush dissent there. Syria's state-run media said the military had "carried out its mission in detaining terrorists" and restored calm in Daraa.

#### France: Peace talks soon or Palestinian state

**PARIS (AP)**—French President Nicolas Sarkozy says he will support a unilateral declaration of Palestinian independence if peace talks with Israel don't restart by September, dealing a

tough setback to Israel's campaign to isolate the incoming Palestinian unity government. The comments published Thursday—similar to a message from Britain a day earlier—suggest Europe may be inching toward a watershed moment, joining those in favor of recognizing Palestine even if there is no peace deal with Israel. However, German Chancellor Angela Merkel reiterated Thursday that she is opposed to any unilateral move.



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## Consul stresses OFW reintegration programs in Labor Day celebration

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The Filipino community on Saipan honored millions of their compatriots around the world with the commemoration of *Araw ng Manggagawa* or Labor Day on May 1.

This year marked the 109<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Labor Day celebrations as well as the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

The theme for the celebration was “*Matuwid na Daan Tungo sa Kaunlaran Para sa Lahat*.”

To observe the occasion, the

Philippine Consulate General, OWWA, and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office organized a program attended by members of various Filipino organizations in the CNMI.

In his remarks, Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig emphasized with Filipino workers

that their stay in the CNMI is only temporary, which is why the Consulate, through the assistance of POLO, have come up with different livelihood programs to assist these workers should they be sent home or if they decide to go home permanently.

Macaraig said the livelihood courses can also benefit Filipinos back home as they can be employed by these contract workers who would put up their own business.

“If there are really 8 million Filipino workers around the world, and if all of them will have their own business and employ three jobless individuals, there will be 24 million Fili-

pinos who will be given jobs in the Philippines,” he said.

Macaraig urged the Filipino community to regularly check their website, [www.philippinessaipan.org](http://www.philippinessaipan.org), for the schedule of different livelihood training courses offered at the Filipino Workers Resource Center at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza.

He also welcomed new welfare officer Julia Fabian and encouraged workers to help become solutions to the problems and shortcomings of their own government.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig, labor representative Carmelina Velasquez, and welfare officer Julia Fabian pose with the 34 certified Computer Service Technicians of the Building and Fixing Computers Users Group during the Philippine Labor Day celebration on May 1.

As part of the program, Fabian read to the audience the message of OWWA Administrator Carmelita Dizon who said that while the agency has gone a long way in making a difference in the lives of OFWs and their families, it will face more challenges in the future.

“Let us be confident and let us not lose heart, for as long as we continue to do our work with the same zeal and passion that we have displayed throughout the years, we will surmount all the humps that will come our way,” she wrote.

Labor representative Carmelina Velasquez, meanwhile,

read the message of Philippine Department of Labor and Employer Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, who called on Filipinos to work together to achieve progress and development for all.

The Consulate and POLO also awarded certificates of appreciation and recognition to volunteer instructors of the different courses, the Building and Fixing Computers Users Group, and the 34 certified computer service technicians who acquired their skills by attending the computer course at the FWRC.

Breakfast was served to cap the program.

## ‘Lack of ideology thwarts national development’

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The Filipino people’s general lack of ideology gets in the way of achieving national development, according to Bishop Nilo S. Tayag of the Philippine Independent Church.

“So many geniuses have come from our ranks as a people and yet we are lacking in one thing: sense of nation, of unity and patience,” Tayag said in an interview on Tuesday.

Tayag and his wife, UP Manila Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Josefina G. Tayag, flew to Saipan to conduct the workshop titled, “Bridging the Gap: Overseas Filipinos in our Contemporary Society.”

Sponsored by the UP Alumni Association and US Pinoys for Good Governance on Saipan, the workshop was held at the Joeten-Kiyu Public

Library conference room from May 1 to 3.

Tayag said the workshop, in essence, was geared toward introspection or “looking inside rather than looking outside” on the part of the Filipino workers who serve as the backbone of the country.



Tayag

“I was talking of soul searching so that we’ll be able to find the solutions...the problem lies not in our stars but in ourselves,” he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Filipinos, Tayag maintained, were not able to cultivate the national ideology that was born when the Philippines became a nation in 1896.

“We have not nurtured it, we have not nourished it so that it became part of our national psyche and our national mindset and our national soul,” he said.

According to Tayag, this lack of national character, the differing attitudes and values set Filipinos

apart from “other peoples who have succeeded as a nation.”

“That’s what we lack, even in our government,” he emphasized.

Tayag lauded the reintegration program of the Philippine government and the proposed OFW Bank that will “cater to the entrepreneurial needs of the workers.”

He noted, however, that the implementation part of any government program becomes critical since it is during this phase that irregularities occur.

Tayag called on Filipinos, especially the workers and their families, to practice vigilance, seriousness of purpose, consistency, sustained action and interest to ensure that these programs directly benefit the people and not the corrupt elected officials.

“We have to overcome many of our corrupt beliefs, attitudes and values. I know it’s a tall order, but it’s a must [or else] the consequences will be very disastrous,” he said.

## Consulate enhances computer literacy program

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The Philippine Consulate General Office and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office recently inaugurated its Computer Literacy Room to facilitate the learning of computer skills among Filipino workers on island.

The Computer Literacy Room, located at the Filipino Workers Resource Center, was officially opened during the Philippine Labor Day celebration on May 1.

Fr. Celso Magbanua led the

blessing of the room while Consul General Medardo Macaraig and labor representative Carmelina Velasquez led the ribbon cutting.

Students of Basic Computer Operations 1 and 2 will utilize the Computer Literacy Room that houses 14 desktop computer sets and dismantled computer parts to be used during classes.

“We’re very happy to open the Computer Literacy Room. It’s a project of the POLO, the Consulate, and our sponsors who helped make this proj-

ect possible,” Velasquez told *Saipan Tribune*.

These sponsors, Velasquez said, were Bridge Capital LLC, which donated five computer units, and the Building and Fixing Computers Users Group, which donated materials for the room and rendered voluntary services to enhance the equipment at FWRC.

“We acknowledge their valuable assistance and we look forward to having more equipment for our students in the future,” she added.



Fr. Celso Magbanua, center, leads the blessing of the Computer Literacy Room, located at the Filipino Workers Resource Center, during the Philippine Labor Day celebration on May 1.



# Many Filipinos reported trapped in besieged Libyan city

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**MANILA, Philippines**—More than 100 Filipinos are trapped in the Libyan city of Misrata, including women and children who need to be evacuated amid “shelling and shooting,” the International Organization for Migration reported on Thursday.

“IOM has been made aware of 109 Filipinos in Misrata, including women and children who also need to be evacuated but the organization has not been able to establish contact with the group,” IOM said in a report posted on its Web site.

About 800 people, including stranded migrants and up to 50 wounded civilians were rescued by IOM from Misrata despite shelling and shooting

in the port vicinity, according to IOM. But it was not clear if any Filipinos were in this group.

“Details on the nationalities and the exact number of migrants will be known in the hours to come,” it said. Other details on the 109 Filipinos were not available.

“We did our best and took everyone we could in a very short time, including Libyan women and children whose relatives had been wounded,” said IOM team leader Othman Belbeisi.

He said hundreds of Libyan civilians had also tried to board the ship in desperation to get out of Misrata. But with limited capacity, the ramp of the boat had to be pulled up so that the ship could pull away from the dock in safety.

IOM staff on its chartered boat, the Red Star One,

reported they had to wait three hours after docking before people showed up, giving them less than an hour to try and evacuate as many people as possible.

“Heavy shelling of Misrata in addition to mines having been laid had prevented the IOM boat from docking for five days. The fighting had forced at least 1,000 migrants who had been waiting at the port to be evacuated to flee the area,” IOM said.

IOM said it had been hoping to rescue about 1,000 stranded migrants in addition to evacuating the most serious medical cases.

IOM is an intergovernmental organization established in 1951 that is “committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.”

The group said the sound of continuous gunfire

could be heard in the background during the satellite communication with IOM staff on the ship.

The 180 tons of humanitarian aid comprising food, non-food and medical supplies had been off-loaded before the boat departed for Benghazi.

The successful rescue mission was IOM’s sixth since early April. “In that time, the Organization has delivered almost 2,000 tons of humanitarian aid to the besieged city and safely brought back to Benghazi about 6,000 stranded migrants, wounded civilians and their families,” it said.

IOM’s humanitarian evacuation program out of Misrata is funded by the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid and Civilian Protection Office, Britain’s Department for International Development, Germany, Ireland and Australia.

## Philippine rebels say big business threatens peace

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Officials with big business interests in the southern Philippines could torpedo a peace agreement to end decades of Muslim separatist rebellion, the chief rebel peace negotiator said Thursday.

Mohagher Iqbal, vice chairman of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said there were people and groups espousing a “negative attitude” toward the Malaysian-brokered peace talks, which resumed under President Benigno Aquino III in February.

“But the real people or groups who can make and unmake this peace journey are those wielding power, authority and wealth—and most of them are in government,” Iqbal said. “In short, the most powerful and well-entrenched ‘spoilers,’ if I may use the word, are mostly in the government.”

He said they are the decision-makers whose vested interests in mining, plantations, logging, banking, trading and other large enterprises on the resource-rich main southern island of Mindanao would be “radically affected or altered if there is a change in the status quo.”

Teresita Deles, the presidential adviser on the peace process, said “worrying about spoilers” is a “valid concern” for the rebels but everyone who has a stake in the settlement of the conflict should be given the benefit of the doubt that they are working for peace.

“The history of peace making

in the world has shown that people giving up power and wealth on behalf of a higher goal is possible and has happened,” she told The Associated Press. “I do believe that people can rise above their personal or narrow interests.”

She added that a peace settlement would improve the climate for business development and make political decision-making easier for government officials.

Iqbal said the rebels’ peace proposal includes a 75-25 sharing of the resources of Mindanao, the country’s second-largest island, which is rich in marine, forest, and mineral wealth.

The rebels last year dropped their demand for independence and said they were pushing for the creation of a “substate” similar to a federal state that will not wield power over foreign affairs, national defense, currency and postal services.

Iqbal said only about 30 percent of Mindanao and nearby islands—the traditional Filipino Muslim homeland—would be included in the minority Muslim region.

Christian settlers from the central and northern Philippines have become the majority in the south following waves of migration after World War II.

More than 120,000 people have died in the decades-long conflict for Muslim self-rule. A cease-fire between the military and the 11,000-strong rebel group has largely kept the peace.

## Philippine diplomat praised for Mideast rescues

By JIM GOMEZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The pro-democracy uprisings raging in the Middle East have trapped thousands of overseas Filipino workers and quickly tested the Philippines’ new top diplomat.

Albert del Rosario, 74, has quietly traveled to conflict zones from Libya to Yemen—once straying near a gunbattle—to lead the rescue of hundreds of Filipinos.

His unorthodox hands-on style has impressed many and helped repair the lethargic image of this impoverished Southeast Asian nation’s bureaucracy. He recalls his daredevil missions with humor.

When his Libyan military escorts dove for cover because of fears that NATO jets were approaching the city of Misrata last week, del Rosario said many were impressed that he did not scamper away in panic.

“I was the slowest to move and people thought I was the bravest,” del Rosario told The Associated Press in an interview late Wednesday.

“Of course, bad knees,” he said laughing, referring to past knee surgery that forces him to walk slowly.

The former business executive inherits a Department of Foreign Affairs that overlooks the Philippines’ often-testy relationships with America, its former colonizer, and China, the Asian powerhouse that is a major economic partner but is



In this Wednesday, May 4, 2011 photo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Albert del Rosario narrates his experiences during an interview with The Associated Press in his office in suburban Pasay City, south of Manila, Philippines. AP

often accused of bullying.

In March, two Chinese patrol boats allegedly harassed a Philippine oil exploration ship near the contested Spratly Islands, prompting a Filipino general to deploy two military aircraft that arrived after the Chinese vessels had left. Both nations issued protests.

A frequent concern is the 10 million or so Filipinos who work overseas—about a tenth of the Philippines’ 94 million people. The money they send home fu-

els economic growth but many become trapped in conflicts or complain of abuse.

The pro-reform revolutions sweeping the Middle East have

exposed tens of thousands of Filipinos to armed clashes.

Just days after he started his job in February, del Rosario visited Libya, where he led a long convoy of 400 Filipinos from the capital to neighboring Tunisia. On the way they passed through 25 checkpoints and near an area where gunfire erupted.

“It looked like a crossfire situation, you could hear automatic rifles,” del Rosario said. His convoy found another escape route.

In the past three months, he has traveled four times to Libya, twice each to Yemen and tsunami-ravaged Japan, and to Bahrain and Syria to rescue Filipinos, Foreign Affairs spokesman Ed Malaya said. His risk-taking example has energized other diplomats.

“It’s almost a culture shock,” Malaya said. “This has not only shaken the bureaucracy but inspired it.”

Del Rosario, Manila’s former ambassador to Washington, is not a stranger to violence.

He was badly wounded in crossfire between Japanese occupying troops and American soldiers and local guerrillas in Manila in the final months of World War II.

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## \$80,000 MOTORCYCLE

National Bureau of Investigation agents look at an \$80,000 stolen motorcycle inside their warehouse in the Cagayan de Oro city, southern Philippines on Thursday May 5, 2011. The motorcycle was stolen in Texas last year from Hollywood screenwriter Skip Woods, who wrote the screenplay for “Swordfish,” “Hitman” and “X-Men Origins: Wolverine.” His chopper was among 14 motorcycles, three all-terrain vehicles, two SUVs, a sports car, a shotgun and ammunition for assault rifles recovered by police in raids in Cagayan de Oro and nearby Bukidnon province, Misamis Oriental provincial police Chief Graciano Mijares said.

AP



# Mosley understands his role against Pacquiao

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**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—Shane Mosley knew what was coming from the minute he signed to fight Manny Pacquiao. He’s been in enough big fights to understand his role in this one.

What Mosley believes boxing fans don’t understand is he’s got a real shot to pull off an upset over the best boxer in the world.

“It’s going to get very interesting, very quick,” Mosley said.

Odds makers in this gambling town don’t agree, making Pacquiao a 6-1 favorite to beat Mosley when they meet Saturday night at the MGM Grand Hotel. But Pacquiao himself says Mosley may prove to be his most difficult fight since he became a superstar by beating Oscar De La Hoya.

“He’s not an easy opponent,” Pacquiao said at Wednesday’s final pre-fight press conference. “He’s the kind of fighter you can’t underestimate.”

Pacquiao said he has not done that, training eight hard weeks to get into the kind of shape his adoring public has come to expect. He’s expecting the Mosley of his prime, not the fighter who looked very ordinary in a loss to Floyd Mayweather Jr. last year, followed by a draw with Sergio Mora.

“He moves like he’s 31, 32



Manny Pacquiao, left, and Shane Mosley pose for photos after a news conference, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, in Las Vegas. Mosley will challenge Pacquiao for his WBO welterweight title on Saturday.

years old,” Pacquiao said. “He has hand speed, and he has foot speed.”

Many in boxing think otherwise. They see the 39-year-old Mosley as a shell of the fighter who beat De La Hoya twice and has held titles in three different weight classes.

Mosley rocked Mayweather early only to fade as the rounds went on. He looked old and

people I’m not washed up,” Mosley said. “My legs are good, they’re strong and ready to go. You don’t lose your power. They say you lose your speed, but I haven’t lost my speed either.”

Mosley will earn a minimum \$5 million to take on Pacquiao, the boxer-congressman-singer who has become a worldwide phenomenon. He may earn every penny of it if Pacquiao looks like he did in dismantling Antonio Margarito in his last fight in November.

The only knock on Pacquiao—who is guaranteed \$20 million—is that he spends too much time doing things that have nothing to do with boxing. That includes an Oval Office meeting with President Barack Obama when Pacquiao was in the United States in February to begin promoting the Mosley fight.

But he’s proven he can manage them well, whether it’s his duties as a congressman or recording his latest music CD.

Pacquiao combined some of those duties at the press conference, with an announcement that he will wear yellow gloves in the ring as a message of hope in fighting hunger in his native Philippines. He also called out songwriter Dan Hill in the audience, whom he teamed up with to recently record and release Hill’s song “Sometimes When We Touch.”

But boxing is his main job, and Pacquiao gave every indication he plans to put on a show in an arena that has been sold out for five weeks. It’s the same arena where he made his U.S. debut 10 years ago as an undercard fighter who took a bout on two weeks’ notice and still won.

“It’s nice to be back here,” said Pacquiao, whose last two fights were at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas. “This is an important fight for me and millions of my fans.”

## Pacquiao’s US debut 10 years ago remembered

**LAS VEGAS**—It was 10 years ago this summer and Oscar De La Hoya was the big attraction, as he often was on Saturday nights in this gambling town. Many of the high-rollers who came to watch De La Hoya fight Javier Castillejo hadn’t even made their way to their \$1,000 ringside seats at the MGM Grand hotel when a 121-pounder from the Philippines made his U.S. debut.

Manny Pacquiao had taken the fight on two weeks’ notice. His chances of beating rising star Lehlohonolo Ledwaba were considered so slim that odds makers refused to even put a line up on it.

Pacquiao would give Ledwaba such a beating that the fight didn’t last six rounds.

Those who watched that night saw promise, sure. But no one in the arena would have believed what was to come.

A decade later, Pacquiao is the star, fighting Saturday night (Sunday in Manila) in the same ring where he had his coming out party. He’ll take on Shane Mosley in a bout that should only further cement his place among the great fighters of his time.

Pacquiao will make a minimum of \$20 million to take on Mosley. The fact that he’ll do it wearing yellow gloves to promote unity against poverty isn’t just a symbolic gesture. Neither was getting elected to congress in the Philippines.

**Only name missing**  
But Pacquiao’s legacy may one day be more important for what he does outside the ring.

He hands out money to strangers for the asking. He bought land recently to build subsidized housing for the homeless. And he went directly to President Benigno Aquino III to ask for \$5 million for a badly needed hospital in his Sarangani Province.

He got it, because no one other than Floyd Mayweather Jr. has ever said no to Manny Pacquiao.

Boxing, of course, is Pacquiao’s day job, and it’s one he’s excelled at in recent years. He’s put on a string of sensational performances against some of the biggest names around.

The only name missing is Mayweather, though Pacquiao seems tired of the topic.

“I’m the kind of person who doesn’t want to talk about someone behind his back,” Pacquiao said. “He did his best in boxing. Let’s talk about the fight on Saturday.”

Pacquiao warned at Wednesday’s press conference that Mosley is dangerous. But he didn’t seem especially fearful as the two boxers posed chin-to-chin for photographers and Pacquiao tried unsuccessfully to stop from bursting out laughing.

Then Pacquiao walked over to the edge of the stage, leaned over and shook hands with Mosley’s father, Jack, and several other family members.

In his suit he looked more politician than fighter, someone pressing the flesh for their votes rather than preparing to beat up their guy. *(Philippine Daily Inquirer, Associated Press)*

## Pacquiao is House’s 1st billionaire

By GIL C. CABACUNGAN JR.  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—Manny Pacquiao, the world’s highest paid athlete, is now the first billionaire member of the House of Representatives.

Ricardo Bering, chief of the House records division, told reporters Wednesday that boxing’s pound-for-pound king reported a net worth of more than P1 billion in his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN).

The 285 members of Congress were given until April 30 to submit their SALN.

Although official copies of the SALN would be available to the public by next week, Bering confirmed Pacquiao’s lofty status.

In previous years, the Villar couple—then Las Piñas representatives Manuel Villar (now a senator) and his wife Cynthia—were the richest House

members, but they never breached the P1-billion mark in their SALN.

In 2009, Cynthia Villar reported a net worth of P947.883 million. Her Las Piñas seat is now held by son Mark.

The Magazine of the US TV sports network ESPN on Monday said that Pacquiao was the world’s highest paid athlete in 2010, raking in \$32 million from two sold-out fights—against Ghana’s Joshua Clottey in March and Mexico’s Antonio Margarito in November. The pay was equal to what baseball superstar Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees got, ESPN said. Pacquiao’s earnings do not include his income outside the ring such as his various endorsement deals.


Disclosure of Pacquiao’s net worth came amid intense scrutiny by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) of lawmakers’ income tax payments.

Bering said BIR Commissioner Kim Henares had sent the House a letter seeking a copy of the SALN of Pacquiao, Bulacan Rep. Linabelle Ruth Villarica and the former presidential sons—Ang Galing Pinoy party-list Rep. Juan Miguel “Mikey” Arroyo and Camarines Sur Rep. Diosdado “Dato” Arroyo.


Mikey and his wife Angela have been accused of tax evasion in P73.85 million for failing to file the proper income tax based on the increasing value of their net worth as seen from their SALN reports from 2004 to 2010.

The BIR recently advised Dato that it was also scrutinizing his SALN from 2007 to 2010.

Both Arroyos complained that they were being singled out and that their cases were being used to divert the public’s attention away from the country’s pressing problems, such as the rising cost of fuel and commodities.



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<b>RESIDENTIAL</b> 1. First 500 kWh (1 To 500) 2. Second 500 kWh (501 To 1,000) 3. Next 1,000 kWh (1,001 To 2,000) 4. All kWh After 2,000 (Over 2,000)	<b>\$ 5.60</b>	<b>\$ 0.016</b> <b>0.066</b> <b>0.086</b> <b>0.127</b>	<b>\$ 0.34426</b> <b>0.34426</b> <b>0.34426</b> <b>0.34426</b>	<b>\$ 0.36026</b> <b>0.41026</b> <b>0.43026</b> <b>0.47126</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL</b> (All kWh Billed)	<b>\$ 7.67</b>	<b>\$ 0.086</b>	<b>\$ 0.34426</b>	<b>\$ 0.43026</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> (All kWh Billed)	<b>\$ 7.67</b>	<b>\$ 0.091</b>	<b>\$ 0.34426</b>	<b>\$ 0.43526</b>
<b>NON-CONFORMING LOAD</b> (All kWh Billed)	<b>\$ 56.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.222</b>	<b>\$ 0.34426</b>	<b>\$ 0.56626</b>

**PREVIOUS ELECTRIC FUEL/LEAC RATES**

JANUARY 2008	\$ 0.258	AUGUST 2008	\$ 0.413
FEBRUARY 2008	\$ 0.253	SEPTEMBER 2008	\$ 0.362
MARCH 2008 (RES. ONLY)	\$ 0.176	OCTOBER 2008	\$ 0.337
MARCH 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	\$ 0.288	NOVEMBER 2008	\$ 0.270
APRIL 2008 (RES. ONLY)	\$ 0.176	DECEMBER 2008	\$ 0.207
APRIL 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	\$ 0.327	JANUARY 2009 - MARCH 2009	\$ 0.22989
MAY 2008 (RES. ONLY, 5/1 - 2/08)	\$ 0.176	APRIL 1 - 2, 2009	\$ 0.22989
MAY 2008 (RES. ONLY, 5/3 - 31/08)	\$ 0.357	APRIL 3, 2009 - SEPTEMBER 2009	\$ 0.20147
MAY 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	\$ 0.357	OCTOBER 2009 - MAY 2010	\$ 0.20147
JUNE 2008	\$ 0.387	JUNE 2010 - JANUARY 12, 2011	\$ 0.24446
JULY 2008	\$ 0.413	JANUARY 13, 2011 - APRIL 15, 2011	\$ 0.28125



# Maharlika – PinoyStyle

## ‘Willing Willie’ may be back May 14, says Pangilinan

**MANILA, Philippines**—Be-leaguered game show “Willing Willie” will likely be back on air on May 14 following a month-long suspension slapped on the show by the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board.

Manuel V. Pangilinan, chair of Associated Broadcasting Corp., which operates television network TV5, told reporters that May 14 was a tentative date for the resumption of the show’s broadcast, even if the suspension ends by May 9.

Pangilinan said the station needs time to reformat the show.

“We have a new studio, new programs, new games, so let’s see,” he said.

The program’s controversial host, Willie Revillame,

drew criticisms from viewers, government agencies and children’s rights advocates because of its March 12 episode where a six-year-old boy performed a “macho dance” while in tears.

Revillame claimed the criti-

cisms were part of a demolition job orchestrated by rival network ABS-CBN where Revillame used to host his show, “Wowowee.” The host and TV5 are now in the middle of a legal battle with ABS-CBN.

In the wake of the controver-

sy, TV5 voluntarily suspended the show for one month. The MTRCB suspended the show for 30 days, but suspension includes “time served” during the station’s self-imposed suspension. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

## Mermaid in ‘Pirates’ part-Pinoy

By RUBEN V. NEPALES  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**LOS ANGELES**—A Filipino-Puerto Rican-American actress, Daphne Joy, is one of the “all-natural beauties” selected to play mermaids in “Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.”

The blockbuster franchise’s producer, Jerry Bruckheimer, was quoted as saying, “I don’t think they had breast augmentation in the 1700s. So it’s natural for casting people to say, ‘We want real people.’”

Daphne, an Olongapo native who speaks Tagalog, confirmed in our recent e-mail interview: “The role required that the actresses be great swimmers and also surgery free—meaning, no breast implants!”

Although she has previously appeared on TV shows and music videos, Daphne struggled with the first requirement. Even with crash courses in swimming before the audition and a couple of weeks before she began filming her scenes, Daphne was called by the lifeguards who



**Daphne Joy**

stood by on the set as “the mermaid who can’t swim.”

Excerpts from our interview:

**How did you land the role?**

My manager, Jonathan Baram, called me and said he had a great role for me. When he said it was a mermaid role, I was already sold. Then when he told me it was for “Pirates of the Caribbean,” I was like, “Okay, we definitely have to book this!” He submitted my photos to the casting agency and I au-

ditioned with about 50 girls at a pool in Los Angeles. It was the same audition day where I met my other fellow mermaid, Antoinette (Nikprelaj).

**What were the role requirements?**

At first, I was hesitant to audition because I’m not actually very good in swimming. I had about a two-week notice before I found out they wanted to see me for the role. Within those two weeks, I practiced in the pool at my local gym and even hired a swimming coach. I was determined to land this role, or at least try.

**Can you describe your character?**

I play one of the five principal mermaids, along with Gemma Ward, who plays Tamara. The mermaids play pivotal roles in the movie. Mermaids are always thought of as beautiful, desirable creatures of the sea. We possess those traits plus a “killer” streak that you have to wait and see! We have scenes with Sam Claflin and the other pirates.

**What was it like to spend a lot of time in the water?**

As the other mermaids swam perfectly, I was the helpless one who trotted right behind them! I let everyone know I just started swimming lessons two weeks before filming. The pool at Universal was always heated, but after a few hours we were freezing and asking for coffee and tea to warm us up.

**Can you talk about working with Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz?**

Four words: a dream come true! One day, after we finished rehearsal, the crew said that they wanted us to meet Johnny. He was a gentleman, funny, charming and handsome. He is iconic. I briefly met Penelope and she was as breathtaking and striking in person as she is on camera.

**Do you have scenes with Michael Ilano Rosales and other actors of Filipino heritage who are also in the film?**

Unfortunately I didn’t have any scenes with Michael Rosales, but hopefully down the line, I will be able to work with him and other great Filipino actors in the future.

**Are you familiar with Dyesebel, a beloved Filipino comics mermaid character?**

Yes, my lola watches The Filipino Channel every day and I have caught a few of those shows. They are very entertaining.

**Can you talk about your heritage?**

My father is Puerto Rican and my mother is from Olongapo. My dad was a former marine and while he was stationed in the Philippines, he met my mother in Subic Bay. My mother wanted me to experience Filipino upbringing so we stayed in the Philippines with my grandmother and uncle until I was 8.

## Is Ate Guy coming home on her birthday?

By DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

I bumped into Sen. Chiz Escudero at the Legazpi airport en route back to Manila. We happened to be on the same flight.

I was tempted to ask him about his separation from his wife Christine, but it was too early in the morning for controversy. In turn, he didn’t ask me about my clarification of the rumor linking him to my friend Pops Fernandez.

He was traveling alone, unlike most politicians who bring along an entourage. When I asked him to pose for a picture, he said, “Sure *pero pasensiya na. Bagong gising look pa ako.*”

He seemed to have a lost a lot of weight, which makes him look all the more like rock singer Bamboo.

**Homecoming**

Nora Aunor remains one of the most popular “treasures” of the Bicol province. There’s talk that she’s finally coming home on her birthday, May 21. Her homecoming has been postponed several times.

Crazy stories about her alleged gambling and financial woes refuse to die down. Ate Guy could very well be the Superstar who cried, “I’m back.” But her loyal fans are not losing hope. She ought to come home once and for all to clear speculations about her.

**Bitter-tweet**

Everyone was shocked at Cristy Fermin’s explosive scoop about estranged couple Aiko Melendez and Bulacan Mayor Patrick Meneses in our show “Paparaz-

zi” on TV5. She presented copies of an alleged exchange of tweets between Aiko and a gay friend posted on their Twitter accounts.

Based on the tweets, Aiko and her gay friend were scheming to make it seem that Patrick has a gay lover. The dashing mayor’s jaw fell as he browsed through the tweets.

He has filed libel charges against Aiko and several tabloid columnists.

**Hacked?**

I asked Aiko for her sentiments on the expose. “I am in a state of shock,” she laments. “Patrick knows my Twitter password. I am not accusing him of inventing those direct messages. But how in the world were they able to access my account if they didn’t hack it? It’s weird because some close friends of mine like you, Kat de Castro and Ogie Diaz have been blocked from my account even if I didn’t block anybody.”

It’s sad that matters have gone out of hand. Former partners in the domestic front will now slug it out in the battlefield.

**Who’s meddling?**

If Patrick is indeed gay, only he and Aiko know for sure. There are things that happen between a couple inside the bedroom which nobody can ever be privy to. As an old Pinoy saying goes, *Mahirap makialam sa away mag-asawa* (or an ex live-in couple like Aiko and Pat for that matter).

Aiko is in good terms with her other exes, Jomari Yllana (dad of Andre) and chef Martin Jickain (dad of Marthana). But it didn’t happen overnight.

## Take it from Gwyneth

Charice is back on the second season of “Glee” after a rather long hiatus, but the plot complication that her character, Sunshine Corazon, provides is a humdinger that could generate substantial drama—and thus viewers’ interest and even excitement—in episodes to come.

That’s good for Charice, but her comeback episode, while it did give her a solo musical number as showcase for her spectacular kind of singing, ended up as a rather frustrating viewing experience. In it, she promised to return to the Glee group for a fundraising show—but failed to show up, making the event a financial flop.

The big question now is, if Sunshine is to figure strongly in the other episodes this season, how in blazes is she going to be forgiven by the Gleeeks, who were depending on her great appearance to sell tickets?

Could she possibly end up as a contravida, the full-blown competition for Lea Michele’s character? Let’s hope not, be-

cause Charice is far too young to go the teen villain and/or vixen route!

**‘Dark’ character?**

It could also be that Sunshine will remain a “dark” character until the season is about to end, and then turn out to be “misunderstood” and thus conclude the season by getting the Gleeeks out of a tight musical spot—and end up smelling like roses.

However the rest of the current season plays itself out, there’s little doubt that season 3 is in the hit production’s cards, so Charice, if she’s kept on, stands to benefit from the extension. Who knows, Lea may opt out of the show due to other stellar commitments, so Charice could end up as the Gleeeks’ main soloist? Well, it isn’t illegal to dream, is it?

Truth to tell, however, the really big deal in last month’s “Glee” episode featuring Charice was Gwyneth Paltrow’s amazing star turn as the substitute teacher with a heart—and voice—of gold.

She’s no belting diva, but her

## VIEWFINDER

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solo spot was a statement because she infused it with so much emotional pertinence and intelligence. Well, she’s no award-winning actress for nothing!

The amazing thing is the fact that, before she agreed to play her recurring role in “Glee,” Paltrow was already a big star in Hollywood. So, her role in “Glee,” even if the show is a huge hit, is a bit of a demotion.

But, ever the sweetly savvy performer, Gwyneth has used it to brilliant advantage to reveal another ferociously fine facet to her total performing persona.

Thus has she emerged as her generation’s version of Meryl Streep, the consummate total performer who can’t seem to do anything wrong.

“Glee” is Gwyneth’s corol-

lary to Streep’s “Mamma Mia,” the movie musical that showed that the great dramatic actress can more than carry a tune—she can even carry an entire film musical and turn it into a sleeper hit.

Paltrow is also good for “Glee” because her performance lifts the show from being just a teen series and makes it appeal to mature viewers as well. In addition, it gives the young Glee performers something to work at and aspire to.

If she’s smart, even Charice could learn a lot from Gwyneth’s fine example, like not banking on just belting for belting’s sake to astound her listeners. Now, that would really be a valuable career life lesson learned!



# Maharlika – Opinyon

## The debate over the dead bin Laden's photos

Osama bin Laden wields power even from his watery grave. That much we learn from the big debate over US President Barack Obama's decision not to release a photograph of bin Laden's corpse. A sample of that gruesome photo has since floated in the Internet and, by itself, photo-shopped or not, can be the provocation that the United States aims to prevent. And that, precisely, is the central point to the bin Laden phenomenon. Why even bother to wait for the authenticated photos? Bin Laden drew power from half-articulated grievances and instinctive hatreds. He thrived not on reason but on superstition. It was difficult enough hunting down bin Laden the man. Now try defeating bin Laden the myth.

The non-rational nature of bin Laden's appeal makes one wish for the good old days when the enemy was the communists. At least being disciples of Karl Marx meant they would at least try to be systematic and logical in the Hegelian tradition. You can say it was the Orwellian double-speak that made them dangerous, but at least being godless meant they wouldn't appeal to religion. (And here I hasten to add that there are fundamentalists of all faiths, and that Taliban thinking can be found in mosques as well as in cathedrals.) Not that this ever stopped them from making votive offerings to Chairman Mao

during the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, no different from Pinoyos going to Baclaran on Wednesdays (and, for bar examinees, to Manaoag in August). Remember the Pinoy quip—and I got this from a nun—that the local commies ought to be classified as “faith-based groups.” Still and all, compared to Mao Tse Tung Thought, bin Laden Thought is the backlash to the Enlightenment and everything it stands for. It's as if we had been thrust three centuries back into a dark world where voodoo reigned supreme.

Thus the care with which the United States handled bin Laden's death. His body was cast into the sea so that his followers can find no earthly grave where they can make offerings and hold memorials. US military officials note rather explicitly that the burial followed Islamic tradition and, though some Muslim experts dispute this, it was obvious the United States was tiptoeing around religious outrage. And now the withholding of the photos.

And that is why it is important for the United States now to draw the line between “targeted killings” and assassination, or for that matter, extrajudicial killings. The United Nations' High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navanethem Pillay, has said “it would be helpful if we knew the precise facts surrounding his killing. ... The UN has consistently emphasized that all counter-terrorism acts must respect international law.”

This debate has actually raged even before bin Laden's death. During last year's meeting of the American Society of International Law, Harold Koh, legal adviser to the US State Department and former law dean at Yale, said: “The principles of distinction and proportionality that the US applies are ... implemented rigorously throughout the planning and execution of lethal operations to ensure that operations are conducted in accordance with all applicable law.”

Issues have been raised after US authorities issued inconsistent versions of how bin Laden was killed. One, it now appears that, contrary to earlier reports, he was unarmed when he was killed and that he hadn't used a woman (his wife) as his shield (who, it turns

out, was merely shot in the calf during the ensuing clash). Two, the US government has its own laws prohibiting assassinations committed in its name. Three, even the Nazis had their day in the Nuremberg court. Locally, Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita was allowed a dignified surrender at Kangan, Ifugao. An international tribunal could have been created to try bin Laden. And finally Pakistan can claim—with factual basis and, I imagine, very little sympathy from most anyone—that the United States had thus transgressed Pakistan's sovereignty.

The principle of distinction means that only combatants and not civilians can be legitimate targets. The principle of proportionality and of military necessity requires that an armed group may use only such force as needed to attain military advantage and avoid collateral damage. Applying both principles, the human cost of targeted killing should be weighed against other options like air strikes, carpet bombing, or outright invasion by ground troops. Finally, targeted killing cannot be meted out as punishment for past behavior or for revenge (lest it resemble an execution without trial). The US position is strongest when it says that it has been attacked (on Sept. 11, 2001), it is acting in self-defense, bin Laden has

openly owned up as the mastermind and is at any rate merely an unlawful combatant. It is weakest when it says that bin Laden was caught in the conduct of hostilities, but the only witnesses are either partisan (US troops and bin Laden's widow) or dead.

At the height of the Cold War, it was said that the so-called Free World suffered a disadvantage. The Soviet Union could suppress evidence and airbrush disgraced comrades out of official photographs. In contrast, the democrats had a free press that would stop only at publishing troop movements; civil libertarians who sleep under the freedom that their government protects; and lawyers and judges who would repeatedly thumb their noses at that government. True, what a disadvantage! And today the Berlin Wall has fallen, the USSR is history, and guess who has won?

## Bin Laden, Geronimo and Lawton

Nobody in the White House situation room made a fuss when the message from Pakistan, “Geronimo EKIA,” was relayed to President Barack Obama. Everyone was so busy celebrating at this news nobody realized Geronimo was a politically incorrect name given the target, Osama bin Laden, who was shot dead, hence, “EKIA” for “Enemy Killed In Action.” Some people, after the fact, are reminding the world that the use of Geronimo was an insult to the memory of the Apache warrior who fought Mexicans and Americans in his part of the 19th-century world. Critics say the use of Geronimo was racist, that it would have been understandable under a WASP U.S. president, but not under Obama, the first black U.S. president. There are so many coincidences here—Obama and Osama—so many cross-references that go all the way from an Apache warrior to the Philippine American War, and the colonization of the Philippines by the United States.

Geronimo (1829-1909) was an Apache chief who fought for his ancestral territory in Arizona against Mexican and U.S. invaders. His name at birth was Goyaale or Goyahkla which, in the Chihuahua language, means “one who yawns.” He did not live up to his sleepy name and was involved in many battles. Unlike Western soldiers who display bravery on their chest in the form of medals and ribbons, Geronimo proudly enumerated scars from wounds received in battle:

“During my many wars with the Mexicans I received eight [sic] wounds, as follows: shot in the right leg above the knee, and still carry the bullet; shot through the left forearm; wounded in the right leg below the knee with a saber; wounded on top of the head with the butt of a musket; shot just below the outer corner of the left eye; shot in left side, shot in the back. I have killed many Mexicans; I do not know how many, for frequently I did not count them. Some of them were not worth counting.”

The man usually credited for the capture [or surrender, depending on the source you are reading] of Geronimo was Capt. Henry Ware Lawton (1843-1899) who served in the U.S. Civil War, the Apache Wars, the Spanish-American War (where he served in Cuba), and in the Philippine-American War. Killed by a sniper in the Battle of San Mateo on Dec. 19, 1899, Brigadier General Lawton was the highest-ranking casualty of the Philippine-American War. Thus, his name was given to a city in Oklahoma; a street in San Francisco, California; a borough of Havana, Cuba; and, of course, the area in front of the Manila Post Office, once known as Plaza Lawton, until it was renamed Liwasang Bonifacio in 1963.

If Lawton was indeed the man who captured the Apache chief Geronimo in 1886, then his death in San Mateo becomes ironic be-

cause the Filipino general he encountered was Licerio Geronimo (1855-1924). Another person forgotten by history is 1Lt. Charles B. Gatewood (1853-1896) who is said to have persuaded Geronimo to surrender. Lawton used Apache scouts to trace and pursue Geronimo. When Lawton tried to discuss an agreement regarding Geronimo's surrender, the Apache warrior declined and said he would only talk with a higher authority, in this case U.S. Gen. Nelson A. Miles. Thus, Lawton escorted Geronimo back to U.S. territory. Lawton never claimed credit for the capture of Geronimo, but that is not how the story is retold. The same can be said of our General Geronimo who gets all the credit for the death of Lawton rather than the nameless sniper who cut him down, a name that is forever lost in oblivion.

All this demonstrates how history is like a jigsaw puzzle with many missing parts. To complicate things, historians reconstruct the past using the memories and memoirs of various people whose version of the story is colored by memory loss or memory's fictions. This is why when Geronimo was used as a code name for Osama bin Laden, the cross-referencing goes far back into our own history and the names of Lawton and Licerio Geronimo.

One other Philippine footnote is in Geronimo's recollection of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair where, treated as a celebrity, he sold his photograph at 25 cents each (he kept 10 cents from each sale) and was paid 10, 15, or even 25 cents more for his

autograph. He made so much money in the fair, more than he had ever had in his life. He described some of the things he saw there thus:

“There were some little brown people at the Fair that United States troops captured recently on some islands far away from here. They did not wear much clothing, and I think that they should not have been allowed to come to the Fair. But they themselves did not seem to know any better. They had some little brass plates, and they tried to play music with these, but I did not think it was music, it was only a rattle. However, they danced to this noise and seemed to think they were giving a fine show.

“I do not know how true the report was, but I heard that the President sent them to the Fair so that they could learn some manners, and when they went home teach their people how to dress and how to behave.”

Those were people of the Cordilleras displayed to illustrate the “Benevolent Assimilation” process that justified the American colonization of the Philippines, so that the poor heathens there could be “civilized and Christianized” by Mother America.

*Comments are welcome at my Facebook Fan Page.*

### EDITORIAL

## Right man

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The successful 2010 elections, the first electronic polls in the history of the country, was proof positive that the Philippines' electoral system, long mired in old habits and antiquated method, could evolve to match the necessities and expectations of a new century. Though highly controversial, the Precinct Count Optical Scan machines proved to be efficient and user-friendly, leading to what many saw as mostly hassle-free elections. The machines made believers even among skeptics.

Last April 27, President Benigno Aquino III, who has been vocal about the urgent need to modernize the country's electoral process and to add to the Comelec someone with an IT background, chose Augusto “Gus” Lagman as Comelec commissioner, to fill the seat vacated by the retired Commissioner Nicodemo Ferrer.

Lagman is a veteran IT executive who opposed the use of PCOS machines in the 2010 elections because, according to him, it lacked transparency. It may seem counterintuitive to appoint to the Comelec, which is moving toward modernization, one of the most vehement opposers of automated elections. Indeed, days after being appointed to the poll body, Lagman again called for the Comelec to stop using the PCOS machines. “My stand is very clear that we don't use those PCOS machines again,” Lagman said. “They have a lot of defects.” He also called for a return to manual elections in the upcoming Mindanao polls.

“We know that he has spoken out on so many issues relating to the automated elections,” Presidential Deputy Spokesperson Abigail Valte said. But the Palace is confident that Lagman “can discharge the duties of his office as capably, as competently, as he has in the past,” she added. We agree.

First of all, Lagman is the very image of a Filipino IT expert, having founded STI College. The Comelec can draw much from his IT expertise as it lays down the foundation of automated elections for the future, even as he himself can serve as a kind of guardian over the sanctity of the elections' technical aspects.

Secondly, he was with Namfrel. Doubtless, with his record and involvement in past polls and his crusade against irregularities in the Comelec, he has established himself as a relentless watchdog for clean and credible elections. Few can question his grasp of the nitty-gritty of the country's electoral process.

He may not be a lawyer as the other commissioners are. But he understands his role. “The other six (commissioners) are all lawyers. I can help in the automation, in the setting of systems and procedures,” he said.

Election lawyer Romulo Macalintal has warned that Lagman's opposition to the PCOS machines has compromised the new Comelec commissioner's impartiality and he might have to inhibit himself from several cases involving the 2010 elections. On the contrary, we believe Lagman's familiarity with IT and its processes makes him the perfect judge of such cases. He will be the best “equipped” to spot the “technical anomalies” alleged in the cases, if there would be any; he will know what he will be talking about.

As far as election reforms groups are concerned, he is the perfect inside man. Lagman's reputation would give the Comelec's sagging public image a big lift. With him, the Comelec can take the next big step toward modernization, with more confidence.



### Passion For Reason

By RAUL PANGALANGAN  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



### Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO  
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# Maharlika – Samu’t Sari



ISLAND VISITORS

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, fourth from left, welcomes Bishop Nilo S. Tayag of the Philippine Independent Catholic Church who flew to Saipan on April 30 for a series of workshops. Joining them are Dr. Celia Lamkin; Tayag’s wife, UP Manila Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Josefina G. Tayag; and first lady Josie Fitial.

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Multi-awarded speak Bishop Nilo S. Tayag and his wife Dr. Josefina G. Tayag enjoy a meet-and-greet with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and first lady Josie Fitial. The Tayags are now in Guam to conduct workshops for Filipino workers.



HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Advanced happy Mother’s Day to our beautiful mother, Mary Basa Lizama, and to our beautiful sister-in-law, Tara “Julynn” S. Lizama! May the Lord guide you and bless you both. Enjoy your special day. We love you, Mom! And to our sister-in-law Jul, cheers to you and God bless! Greetings come from your loving children: Raymond B. Lizama and children; Mary B. Lizama, children, and in-law (Washington, USA) Linda B. Lizama, kids and in-law; Julie B. Lizama, kids and in-law (Guam, USA); John B. Lizama, kids and in-law (Guam, USA); Darlyn B. Lizama, kids and in-law (Guam, USA); Brenda B. Lizama, kids and in-law; Pedro B. Lizama (Jr.), kids and in-law.

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CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan welcomes to the island Bishop Nilo S. Tayag, his wife Dr. Josefina G. Tayag, and the committee that organized the series of workshops titled “Bridging the Gap: Overseas Filipinos in our Contemporary Society” last May 1 to May 3.



Mom is such a special word, the loveliest I’ve ever heard. A toast to you! Above all the rest, mom, you’re so special and you are simply the best! Happy Mother’s Day and we love you! From your daughter Shalei and daddy Shawn.

Advanced happy Mother’s Day to our wonderful mother, Maggie Muña Masga! Hope you have a wonderful day and we love and care for you so very much. Love, your children and grandchildren.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy, happy birthday to Gert Maricone Valdez, who is celebrating her birthday today. May you have many more birthday to come! Greetings come from Karen, Lilybeth, Jasmin, your friends, and family.

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Happy 3rd birthday to Joseph Ignacio Jesus S.N. Kiyoshi! May you be blessed with many more birthdays to come. We love you. Greetings come from Mom, Dad, and siblings.

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Belated happy birthday to Jennesa Gebhard, who celebrated her special day last May 5. Greetings coming from her Mom and Dad.

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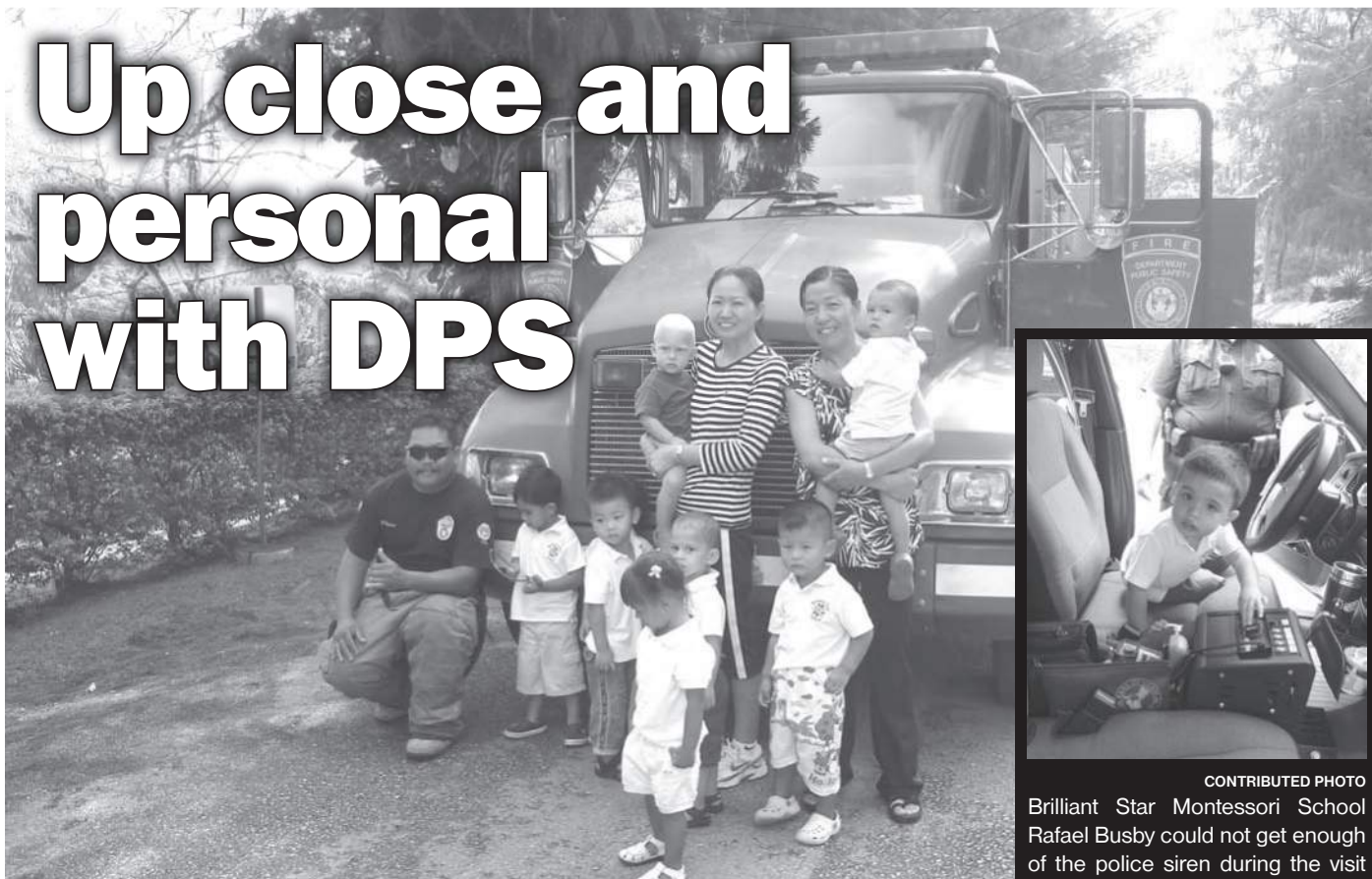
Happy sweet 16th birthday to Daphne Dela-Cruz! Here’s wishing you many more blessing to come! Greetings come from Tisha, AJ, and Trini.

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# YoungStyle

## Up close and personal with DPS



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Engineer Brian Kaipat of the Department of Public Safety poses with students and teachers of Brilliant Star Montessori School in front of a fire engine on April 29.

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REPORTER

Students of Brilliant Star Montessori School had an up close and personal observation of how emergency respondents operate as Department of Public Safety personnel went to visit them on April 29.

Police officers Daniel Smith, Joseph Deleon Guerrero, nozzleman Jay Tilipao, engineer

Brian Kaipat, operator Jesse Pinaula, and attendant Jerome Repeki explained the importance of and demonstrated the use of their equipment and vehicles to students ranging from 2 to 9 years old.

School principal Richard Sikkell thought it would be a fun activity for the four different classes that participated in the activity.

"Seeing police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances is al-

ways exciting. Being allowed to touch it, sit in it, push buttons, and ask questions is even better," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sikkell said the DPS staff, who visited the school for the first time, addressed safety issues during the fun activity.

"It is especially nice to see DPS personnel so approachable and accommodating to all the questions our students managed to fire at them," he said.

With the success of the activity, Sikkell said they plan to make it an annual event.

"It reminds us that they are not only here to serve and protect, but also to educate. Our students will take home valuable lessons learned," he added.

Sikkell expressed his appreciation to the DPS personnel who made the activity possible and "for making such an impression on all our students."



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Engineer Brian Kaipat explains the importance of a fireman's gear and equipment to students of Brilliant Star Montessori School while nozzleman Jay Tilipao puts it on last April 29.



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Students of Brilliant Star Montessori School try their hands at using the police megaphone during the visit of Department of Public Safety personnel to the school on April 29.



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Members of the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band perform during the International Day celebration at Brilliant Star Montessori School on April 15.

## Brilliant Star celebrates International Day

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
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REPORTER

Brilliant Star Montessori School conducted various activities in celebration of International Day last April 15.

"The event is a wonderful way to celebrate our unity in diversity and showcase the different cultures from around the world," school principal Richard Sikkell told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sikkell said that during International Day, which they've been celebrating since the in-

ception of the school, all students, teachers, and staff wear international costumes representing different cultures.

"During the week, we invite parents to share a bit of their culture with us," said Sikkell, adding that it was especially nice to see many parents get dressed up in traditional dress with their children.

Sikkell said students also prepared various performances and participated with their families and other community members in different activities such as

dancing, music, cooking, art, and literature in all classrooms.

He said that for this year, toddler teacher Mei Demapan performed a fan and a sword dance while tea master Wang Ling complimented the performance with a tea ceremony.

Sikkell also expressed his appreciation to Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band whose several members did "splendid performances."

"The presentations include lots of student participation and smiles," he added.



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Elementary students get ready to sing during Brilliant Star Montessori School's International Day event on April 15.



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Toddler teacher Mei Demapan performs a fan and sword dance while tea master Wang Ling compliments the performance with a tea ceremony during the International Day celebration at Brilliant Star Montessori School on April 15.



## Riddle Card

1. Why did the fly fly?
2. Why is my cup of tea stronger than yours?
3. Why is the letter "E" like London?
4. If a chicken could talk, what kind of language would it speak?
5. Why is a loaf of bread four weeks old like a mouse running into a hole?



Answers: 1. Because the spider spied her. 2. Because it is all my tea (tea length). 3. Because it is the capital of England. 4. Four (low) language. 5. Because you can see it's stale (tail).

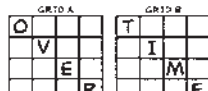
**IT'S ALPHABET SOUP TIME!** To solve this problem you must replace the letters in our AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition expression. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did.



Our answer: C=6, H=5, E=8, F=3, O=2, D=4, M=9, A=0, L=7, (6583 + 9224 = 9807)

**DON'T WORK OVERTIME SOLVING THIS ONE!** Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

1. Found out about.
2. Keen interest; greedy.
3. Heard in church.
4. To listen to.



1. Comic drawing (sl).
2. A prima donna.
3. Word used to describe.
4. Has long ears.

Answers: 1. Out-drawn. 2. Avid-diva. 3. Amen-nama. 4. Hear-here.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### DON'T GET ANTSY TRYING TO SOLVE THIS ONE!

You'll find all kinds of ants in the dictionary. We have 14 words in mind that end with "ant." The "elephant" in our picture should give you an idea of what to look for. Try to find them using the following hints.

1. What ant helps to put out fires?
2. What ant is found in car engines?
3. What ant reminds you of puff pastries?
4. What ant smells nice?
5. What ant pours wine?
6. What ant buys and sells?
7. What ant is worn on a chain?
8. What ant makes the air dirty?
9. What ant provides all kinds of food?
10. What ant is dull and never goes anywhere?
11. What ant hates school?
12. What ant is good with numbers?
13. What ant is the smartest?
14. What ant never changes?

Answers: 1. Hydrant. 2. Coolant. 3. Croissant. 4. Decedant. 5. Decant. 6. Merchant. 7. Pendant. 8. Pollutant. 9. Restaurant. 10. Stagnant. 11. Truant. 12. Accountant. 13. Brilliant. 14. Constant.

## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

■ It was the multitalented Pierre Beaumarchais—born in the 18th century, he was a revolutionary in both France and America as well as a watchmaker, diplomat, musician, spy, inventor, publisher and arms dealer—who made the following sage observation: "It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them."

■ If you live in Florida, you probably won't be surprised to learn that there are more than 3,000 different species of mosquitoes.

■ The experts claim that roses don't really have thorns. Botanically speaking, thorns are considered to be modified branches and are difficult to break off the stem. What roses have are known as prickles, which are just outgrowths of the stem's outer skin—and they are, fortunately, much easier to break off.

■ Statistics show that after having her first child, a woman's driving sees a measurable improvement.

■ The name of the great state of Missouri comes from a Native American word meaning "town of large canoes."

■ A man named Henry Budd, before his death in 1862, directed in his will that if his sons, William and Edward, grew moustaches they would receive nothing from his estate. In further discrimination against facial hair, one Mr. Fleming, a British upholsterer, left 5 pounds in his will to each of his mustached employees, but double that to those who were clean-shaven.

■ Those who study such things say that the Atlantic Ocean is getting 1.2 inches wider every year.

■ If you enjoy apricots, be sure you don't accidentally swallow the pits—they contain substances called cyanogenetic glycosides, which, once they reach the digestive tract, are converted to cyanide.

Thought for the Day: "Half of the modern drugs could well be thrown out of the window, except that the birds might eat them."—Dr. Martin Henry Fischer

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### MAGIC MAZE • STARTING —

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F N S D C R I I N U C L N B Z X  
V I K T I E Q R I Q D G O M  
P K I O C U R D I R G F N I D  
B Z Y W P O V F R P A T R A S  
Q O N L T K L I R O T O M H H  
F D C A Z X W B V R E V O U S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Block	Lineup	Pitcher	Signal
Friction	Motor	Point	Stalls
Gate	Order	Post	Torque
Handle	Over	Price	

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### GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

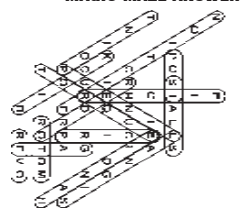
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#### MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



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#### GO FIGURE ANSWER

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## Choosing the right doggie day care

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I was wondering how to choose the right day-care center for my dog, "Chet," a medium-size Collie mix. Price is a consideration, though it seems that all these day cares are pretty expensive. I'd like to find a place to board him for two weeks while my family goes on vacation.—Barbara C., Atlanta

**DEAR BARBARA:** It's clear that you're already thinking through some of the requirements a day care or boarding center will need to meet before placing Chet there. You're looking for longer-term care that includes overnight care, but which provides an active environment for an energetic dog.

Here are a few questions to ask each prospective care provider:

■ How long has the facility been open? How much experience do the owners have in boarding dogs?

■ Are certified dog trainers on staff? How much training do other staffers have?

■ Will a certified trainer be on duty at night?

■ Talk with one of the trainers; ask specific questions about how training is handled.

■ Can you drop in and tour the facility at any time during normal business hours?



■ Ask for a look at the actual living area for boarding dogs to make sure Chet will be provided for adequately.

■ How does the facility screen dogs for health or behavior problems? How does it handle behavioral issues and fights?

These are just a few of the questions you should ask when visiting prospective day-care centers, in addition to the usual questions about cost, day-care rules and so on. If you don't have a good feeling about a facility, move on.

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Send your questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com), or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at [www.pawscorner.com](http://www.pawscorner.com).

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## Get creative with cow-print lampshade

When sprucing up your home for spring, think twice before tossing out a tired-looking, plain-white lampshade and spending money on a new one. You and your school-age kids can brighten it up and give it new life with the miracle of acrylic paint and decorative trim or ribbon.

Dream up and paint any designs you like, or give "cow prints" a try. The black shapes are simple for beginners to draw and paint on a lampshade, plus the fun cow-spot look is versatile for a range of decorating styles. While providing a delightful accent to the most contemporary decor, they also add a fresh pop to an easy country style.

And if there's a new baby in the house, the spotted lampshade whimsically accentuates a barnyard theme in the nursery. Since newborns are attracted to black-and-white shapes, this shade will be a favorite with baby from the start.

### Here's what you'll need:

■ Cleaned used or inexpensive standard, plain-white lampshade without pleats

■ Acrylic paint from crafts stores in black or in the color you prefer for the spots

■ Pencil

■ Newspaper

■ Paintbrush

■ Decorative fringe, trim or ribbon to fit around the bottom edge of the shade with a slight overlap.

■ Glue gun

### Here's the fun:

1. You might want to start the project with your kids by looking at photos of cows, paying particular attention to various sizes and shapes of their spots. Practice sketching a few spots on paper with a pencil. On a newspaper-covered

## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson



work surface, fill in the practice spots using paint and a paintbrush. Once you get the hang of it, begin sketching and painting on the lampshade, going from top to bottom. Let dry.

2. An adult should carefully glue the fringe or ribbon in place around the bottom rim of the shade. Let dry. Place on your lamp base.

Extra-bright ideas:

If your kids want to make more cow prints, look around for other decorating items that could be embellished, such as a picture frame, a removable cover of a plain fabric throw pillow, a clay flowerpot or a wastepaper basket.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Life & Style

## Another finalist bounced from 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jacob Lusk is out of air on "American Idol." The booming 23-year-old vocalist from Compton, Calif., was revealed to have received the fewest viewer votes on the Fox talent contest Thursday.

A day earlier, he had unsuccessfully attempted both parts of "No Air," the duet of Jordin Sparks and Chris Brown, and a tender rendition of "Love Hurts," the classic tune made famous by Nazareth and Roy Orbison.

"I got to share a little bit with America, and I think America's fallen in love with me," said Lusk after his elimination. "Now I can go and put out that good-feeling R&B music that reminds you of Luther (Vandross) or those great old singers."

A tearful Lauren Alaina, the soaring 16-year-old songstress of Rossville, Ga., joined Lusk as one of the bottom two vote-getters.

Despite her position, Alaina impressed the "Idol" judges with her performances of Carrie Underwood's "Flat on the Floor" and The Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody" on Wednesday's installment of current and classic tunes.

"Jacob had a rough night last night," said "Idol" mentor and Interscope Records chief Jimmy Iovine. "I think his nerves are getting the best of him."

Besides Alaina, the other remaining finalists are over-the-top 22-year-old rocker James Durbin of Santa Cruz, Calif.; deep-voiced 17-year-old country crooner Scotty McCreery of Garner, N.C.; and bluesy 20-year-old singer Haley Reinhart, of Wheeling, Ill.

The singers will return to the stage next week with another finalist dismissed next Thursday.

The 10th season "Idol" champion is scheduled to be crowned on the May 26 finale.



In this publicity image released by Fox, Jacob Lusk performs on the singing competition series "American Idol," Wednesday, May 4, 2011 in Los Angeles.

## Branagh: Hopkins inspired him to play Olivier

LOS ANGELES (AP)—After 30 years in film as an actor and director, Kenneth Branagh is right where he should be.

As his latest directorial effort, "Thor," hits theaters Friday, the 50-year-old Branagh said his experience on both sides of the camera is lining up perfectly with his appetite, which inspires a new enthusiasm for each craft.

"It's like returning to when I was 16 and first did a school play and thought, 'Oh, this is what I should do. This is what I'm supposed to do,'" he said from a hotel suite where he was promoting the Marvel movie.

"Somehow I feel as though, at least for this little tiny moment in my life

perhaps, I've landed back in some moment where I feel, if nothing else, it's right what I'm doing. For me," he said.

Branagh commanded a cast that included Oscar winners Natalie Portman and Anthony Hopkins in "Thor," a superhero epic that spans planets and otherworldly realms. Then, while editing and putting the finishing touches on the film, he stole away to play Lawrence Olivier opposite Michelle Williams' Marilyn Monroe in the indie flick "My Week With Marilyn."

Playing such a weighty role during "Thor" post-production "was something of a stretch, I have to tell you," Branagh said.

But Branagh said he delighted in the experience.

"I ran at it with a relish for acting which was borne out of partly, literally seeing Tony Hopkins at work, and the others, but also talking to Tony, who had worked with Olivier himself," Branagh said. "(He) knew him well, and had many war stories, many intimate observations of the way Olivier was, and that to some extent gave me the confidence to try and do it."

Branagh says that when he sees actors performing at their peak, he wants to act, and when he sees directors do beautiful work, he yearns to direct. "I realize now I have a lot of experience in both, and it's exciting to try and use it."



Schwarzenegger

## Schwarzenegger might 'Cry Macho' as film return

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Arnold Schwarzenegger has added another project on his to-do list as he returns to Hollywood after serving as California governor.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Alan Mendelsohn said Thursday that the actor plans to star in the drama "Cry Macho" for Academy Award-winning producer Albert Ruddy ("The Godfather," "Million Dollar Baby").

It's one of several projects Schwarzenegger has in the works,

including a "Terminator" tale and the crime saga "The Last Stand."

Mendelsohn said the timing has not yet been worked out among the various projects, so it's not certain which might be Schwarzenegger's first big-screen film after leaving the governor's office in January.

In "Cry Macho," Schwarzenegger would play a down-on-his-luck horse trainer hired to kidnap his former boss' young son from his ex-wife in Mexico.

## Chris Hemsworth takes Hollywood as god of thunder

By SANDY COHEN  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—He's about to introduce himself to the world as a cinematic superhero, but right now, Chris Hemsworth's biggest worry is a giant bowl of almonds.

Since taking on the title role in "Thor," the Australian actor has packed on more than 20 pounds (9 kilograms) of muscle to become the ripped Norse god of thunder—and the new body requires constant protein to maintain it.

"I needed to make an effort to get into the gym and force feed myself buckets of chicken and steak and vegetables and brown rice. It was rather sickening," says the affable actor, who looks like a young Brad Pitt with a sculpted physique that wows men and women alike. "But as far as jobs go, I don't want to complain. It's still one of the best."

Hemsworth had only a handful of American movie roles before landing that of the otherworldly Marvel superhero, which he introduces in "Thor" and will reprise next year in "The Avengers."

"Thor," which is directed by Kenneth Branagh and also stars Anthony Hopkins and Natalie Portman, opens Friday.

Hemsworth admits it was "sort of intimidating" to face his Oscar-winning costars, "but they couldn't have been more supportive."

"They all have the same sort of appreciation for the work and love for what they do," says the 27-year-old actor. "And there's no ego."

In casting the lead for "Thor," Branagh sought to discover "what was necessary: a real new movie star."

In fact, the film's producer, Kevin Feige, insisted that an exciting new Thor would be critical to the film's success, Branagh recalls.

"It's not something I ever mentioned to Chris Hemsworth," Branagh says, "but he was right."

The director wanted a fresh face, someone audiences could believe as a god, but with the acting chops of a veteran who could hold his own in scenes with Hopkins and Portman.

"He had all of that and he also had this kind of natural ease in front of the camera that was vital also," Branagh says of Hemsworth. "In repose, Thor must be a compelling story. And he is. And he's obviously a very handsome lad, and he worked like a Trojan to get that body. When he takes his shirt off, there's always an audible response."

(It's a safe bet that'll happen in a theater near you.)

Hemsworth says the muscles made him feel more like the character, but he's eager to shed the bulk. Still, it will be a while before he can: "The Avengers" starts shooting next week, in which the new Thor will join an ensemble cast that includes Robert Downey Jr. as Iron Man, Chris Evans as Captain America and Mark Ruffalo as the Incredible Hulk.

"It's a lot of superheroes," says Hem-

sworth. "It should be fun."

The middle sibling in a trio of acting brothers, Hemsworth and his younger brother (and former Miley Cyrus beau), Liam, both auditioned for the role of Thor. And though the brothers are competitive in sports—including their family favorite, surfing—they're a team when it comes to their Hollywood success.

"We're always supportive of each other, and if Chris gets a part over me, I'm as happy as him to get it as myself," says Liam, who is about to begin production on the much-anticipated big-screen adaptation of "The Hunger Games."

"A win for him is a win for me," echoes Hemsworth. "Having come all the way over here and it being a big risk, you need an ally."

The two rehearse together, share contacts and generally give each other professional pep talks.

"It's pretty incredible that my brother is



In this May 1, 2011 photo, actor Chris Hemsworth poses for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif. Hemsworth plays the title character in the film "Thor" which opens in theaters on May 6.

a toy figurine now and there's posters of him everywhere," Liam says. "It's such a weird thing to think about... Most of what I've learned has come from him."

Both were inspired by their eldest brother, Luke, who became a TV star in Australia after high school and still works there today.

With "Thor" and "The Avengers," Hemsworth is hoping to parlay the family's biggest acting credit to date into a varied career that includes comedy and drama, big-budget pictures and independent films. He hopes to follow a path like that of Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Penn or Russell Crowe.

"The options those people have is appealing," Hemsworth says, acknowledging that his casting in "Thor" has already resulted in new opportunities: "You spend so long standing in line hoping to be picked, so it's certainly been a good feeling."

But he's quick to clarify that it's not like Steven Spielberg is banging on his door.

"That's the dream," he says. "It's something that you want to aspire to. But I don't want to get ahead of myself. The film hasn't even come out yet."



## Steeler Hines Ward briefly held in Calif. mix-up

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver and “Dancing With the Stars” contestant Hines Ward was briefly detained at gunpoint Thursday in a mix-up over a reported stolen car, but he was released without being arrested, police said.

Hines and a woman friend were stopped in her car at about 1:30 a.m. in North Hollywood because she had reported the car stolen on April 19, said Sgt. Maria Morrison.

The two had left a restaurant in North Hollywood, said officer Sara Faden.

Police took Hines out of the car at gunpoint and handcuffed him, Morrison said. Hines and the woman were released after she was able to prove the car was hers.

“She had gone somewhere, misparked it, reported it stolen and found it later” but failed to cancel the police report, Morrison said.

Hines cooperated with police while he was detained, she said.

The woman’s name wasn’t released, but she isn’t Hines’ partner on “Dancing With the Stars,” Morrison said.

In this publicity image released by ABC, Hines Ward, right, and his partner Kym Johnson perform on the celebrity dance competition series “Dancing with the Stars,” on Monday, May 2, 2011 in Los Angeles.



## Northwestern to give honorary degree to Colbert

EVANSTON, ILL. (AP)—It’s the truthiness: Stephen Colbert is getting an honorary degree from his alma mater, Northwestern University.

The host of “The Colbert Report” will join an impressive class of honorary degree recipients at the Evanston campus during the commencement on June 17.

The group includes opera



**Schwarzenegger**

singer Jessye Norman, computer science expert Barbar Liskov and death penalty and international criminal law scholar William Schabas.

Colbert is a 1986 graduate of Northwestern’s School of Communication. Colbert was a member of the Second City comedy group before joining Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.”

## Work, shopping: Royal newlyweds slip into routine

LONDON (AP)—Prince William and Kate Middleton have slipped into a routine in the week after their lavish wedding.

William returned to work in north Wales as a helicopter rescue pilot for the military and has participated in two rescue operations since coming back, the British military said Thursday.

The couple decided against an immediate overseas honeymoon after getting married in London at Westminster Abbey on April 29. They opted instead to spend last weekend in Britain before William returned to military duty.

William was among a four-man crew operating a Royal Air Force Sea King helicopter, which airlifted a 70-year-old man with a suspected heart problem to a hospital Wednesday, the military said. Later, the helicopter rescued four hikers after one of them experienced vertigo.

Middleton, now known as the Duchess of Cambridge, has been out doing the couple’s errands. Front page photographs due to be published in British tabloids Friday showed Middleton pushing a shopping cart at an upscale grocery store in Anglesey, where the pair have their home.

The images—released late Thursday—show Middleton wearing a thin white V-neck sweat shirt under a green knitted throw. Her sapphire engagement ring peeked out over the cart’s handlebar as she skipped across the store’s parking lot. The Daily Mail reported that she was wearing her gold wedding band under her engagement ring.

“Kate’s Back up Aisle,” joked The Star newspaper.

## Injured Broadway ‘Spider-Man’ actor flies again

NEW YORK (AP)—An actor seriously injured when he fell more than 30 feet from on stage platform at the Broadway musical “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark” has resumed aerial stunts.

Christopher Tierney got into his harness and flew for the first time Thursday since suffering a fractured skull, four broken ribs and three broken vertebrae on Dec. 20 when he tumbled in front of a preview audience.

Show spokesman Rick Miramonte says Tierney battled the Green Goblin during the mid-air stunt and everything went smoothly. Miramonte called it an “emotional and exciting moment for the cast and crew.”

The \$65 million show, which has music from U2’s Bono and The Edge, is currently on hiatus as it gets retooled. Previews begin again May 12. The official opening is scheduled for June 14.

## Young widow finds comfort and guilt in new romance

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I were together 11 years -- since we were 12 -- and married for four. He was killed in a car accident, and I am now a 23-year-old widow. I was in the passenger seat when he died. I sustained multiple injuries, but none as great as the massive anxiety I can’t seem to shake.

I have had a great deal of support from friends and family. However, two months after my husband died I began talking to “Brian,” a family friend who is going through a divorce. We’d stay up for hours talking about the things we were going through. I have developed love for Brian that is beyond anything I have felt before, built on a great deal of strength and heartache.

We moved fast because of our mutual need to have someone there for us. I feel guilty, however, that I have this relationship so soon after my husband’s death. On top of all this, I have huge anxiety, the result of guilt, PTSD and my fear of abandonment.

I feel isolated because I’m so much younger than most widows I meet. Also, because I have the complicating factor of Brian’s divorce (with two kids) going on now, I’m afraid my anxiety will never decrease. I can’t reject the love I have for him. We’ve been there for each other through a time of great hardship. I want to be able to relax and enjoy it, not stress out and destroy it. Can you give me any advice?

YOUNG WIDOW IN PAIN

**DEAR YOUNG WIDOW:** Allow me to offer my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband. After what you have been through, it’s understandable that you would experience the feelings you have been having. But if you are going to move on in the right direction, I urge you to discuss your current situation with a mental health professional—preferably one who specializes in post-traumatic stress and anxiety.

While it’s wonderful that you have met someone so soon, I urge you to make no permanent decisions for at least a year. You and Brian can support each other, but each of you is needy right now, and that’s not a basis for a healthy relationship. With time, the anxieties will ease and what’s causing them will lessen. If you’ll forgive the baseball vernacular, my advice is to bunt rather than try to swing for a home run now. It will improve your odds of not striking out.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My wife likes to sunbathe in the nude in our side yard. Anyone walking by on the sidewalk, or riding by on a bike or in a car can easily see her over our 3-foot-tall picket fence.

She is a beautiful woman and has nothing to be ashamed of, but knowing strangers can see her in the buff makes me uncomfortable. She says I should get over it. Should I?

EMBARRASSED ON ELM STREET

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** Your wife assumes that your neighbors and passersby are as open-minded as she is. Please remind her that if a mother should walk by with a child, she could be deeply offended, call the police and your sun-worshipping wife could be charged with indecent exposure. A tall hedge in the front of your side yard would screen her from public view. Please consider it.

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#### James Baker contributing essay to bin Laden book

NEW YORK (AP)—Former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former White House aide Karen Hughes are among the contributors to an e-book of essays written after the death of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden. Random House announced Thursday that “Beyond Bin Laden” will come out Monday. Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Random House executive editor Jon Meacham is editing the series and will write an introduction. Numerous book deals have been announced recently, including new works by best-sellers Steve Coll and Peter Bergen. A book about the Navy SEAL unit that killed bin Laden in Pakistan days ago has jumped into the top 10 on Amazon.com. “SEAL Team Six: Memoirs of an Elite Navy SEAL Sniper” is by Howard E. Wasdin and Stephen Templin. It was completed before bin Laden’s death, but interest has soared since then.

#### Kelly Preston cast with Travolta in Gotti film

NEW YORK (AP)—Kelly Preston will co-star alongside her husband, John Travolta, in a planned film on John Gotti. Production company Fiore

Films announced Wednesday that Preston will play John Gotti Sr.’s wife, Victoria. Travolta is to play Gotti. Making it even more of a family affair, the couple’s daughter Ella Bleu Travolta, will play daughter, Angel Gotti. Production of “Gotti: Three Generations” is expected to begin later this year, with a theatrical release coming in late 2012. To be directed by Barry Levinson, it also stars Lindsay Lohan and Joe Pesci.

#### ‘Survivor’ star Hatch denied bail pending appeal

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—A judge in Rhode Island has denied reality TV star Richard Hatch’s bail request pending an appeal of a nine-month prison sentence for failing to pay taxes on the \$1 million he won on the first season of the hit show “Survivor.” Hatch, who is being held in Brooklyn, N.Y., spent over three years in prison for tax evasion. Released in 2009, he was ordered to refile his 2000 and 2001 taxes and pay what he owed. A judge in March ruled he never did and returned him to prison. She has said there are questions about whether Hatch violated the release terms. Prosecutors said those questions aren’t substantial enough to warrant bail. The bail denial was filed Thursday in federal court in Providence.



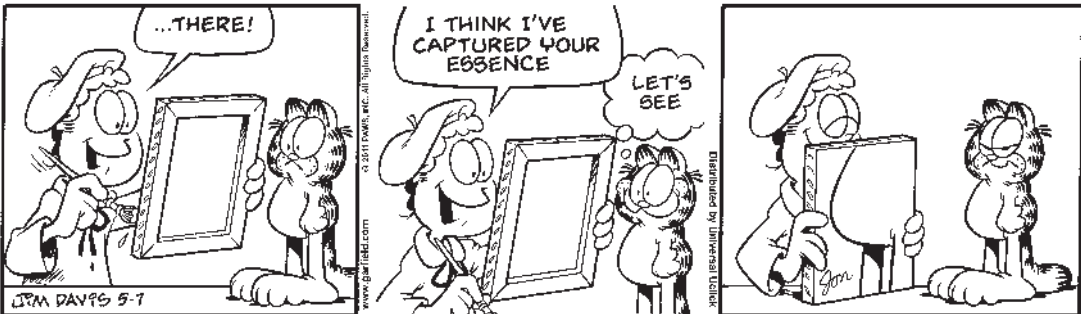
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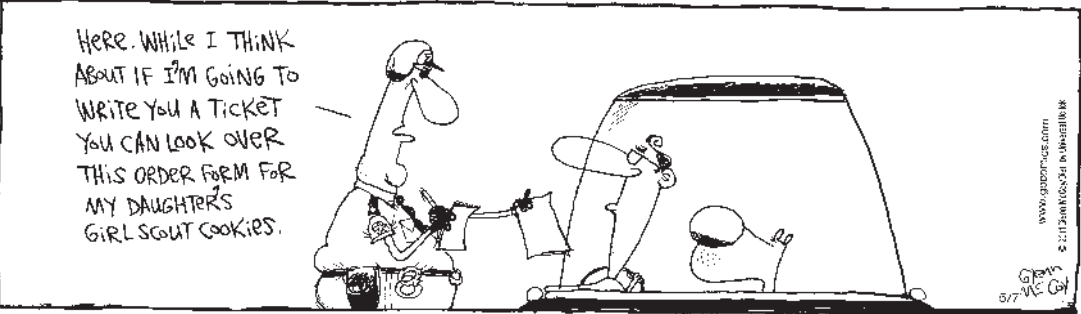
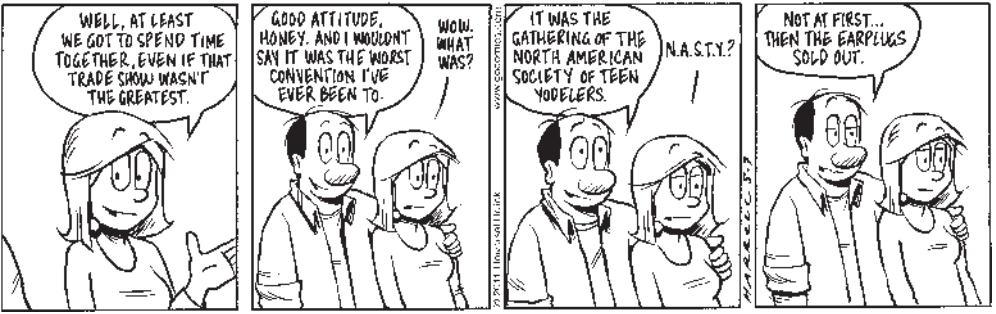


Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Narrative verse

5 They're shaken, rattled and rolled

9 — de deux

12 Sasquatch's cousin

13 Press

14 Sort

15 Hibernia

16 Periodicals, for short

17 Mainlander's memento

18 Dilbert's workplace

19 B&B

20 Oboe insert

21 Make up your mind

23 Noshed

25 Brawl

28 Coloring stick

32 Damp

33 Potato territory

34 Diminutive

36 Barn storage area

**DOWN**

1 Green — monster

2 Father, in France

3 Elevator name

4 Aquatic survival phrase

5 Checked or striped cotton, often

6 Persia, now

7 Brandy variety

8 Type measures

9 Heap

10 Sheltered

11 Late-braking development?

20 Hide-and-seek phrase

22 Latin 2-Down

24 Three-some

25 Pump up the volume

26 Adversary

27 "A pox upon thee!"

29 Thanks-giving veggie

30 Discoverer's cry

31 Without delay

35 Supplement

36 Physical well-being

39 Made 5-Down

40 Greet

41 Exam format

43 Phonograph record

45 KFC additive

46 Divorcees

47 On

49 Miller Sebastian

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 5-7

**STUMPED?** For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-226-5951 99c per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Breckin Meyer, 37; Traci Lords, 43; Amy Heckerling, 57; Bill Kreutzmann, 65

**Happy Birthday:** This will be a diverse, challenging year for you. New projects will leave you little time for anything else. Balance will be required. Don't neglect your health or your personal obligations. This can turn out to be a spectacular year if you don't try to spread yourself too thin. Your numbers are 3, 9, 16, 27, 32, 36, 48

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** It will be difficult to contain the way you feel but, before you blurt out something you'll regret, consider all sides of the situation. Don't fret when you should be putting energy into sprucing up your surroundings or updating your image. \*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Focus on helping others. A kind word or gesture of friendliness will make someone happy and make you feel good. A partnership can be improved with a little compromise. Attend an event or function where you can successfully network. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Impulse will be the culprit. Think before you do or say anything. Don't make a promise you cannot possibly keep or spend on something you don't really need. Concentrate on your finances and health issues. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your mood will fluctuate, causing trouble or an uncomfortable situation if you aren't careful what you reveal. Uncertainty never sits well with you, but don't force issues with the potential to spiral out of control. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Concentrate on your objectives and make a to-do list that is reasonable. Trying to fit too much into your day will lead to delays, upset and minor mishaps. So slow down and enjoy the company of the people you love most. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may be tempted to get involved in a joint money venture or a get-rich-quick scheme. A loss is likely to damage your relationship with whoever takes part in this moneymaking scheme. Weigh the pros and cons and consider taking a pass. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A little confusion in the love department will set in. You'll want a commitment but will also want your freedom. Emotions will be high and problems difficult to bypass. Forgo any serious conversations that might lead to a misunderstanding. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Uncertainty regarding how you earn your living or where you are going to reside will have you questioning every aspect of your life. Don't make rash decisions or think there is only one route to take. Time is on your side so relax and consider your options. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Socializing will prove to be not only entertaining but educational. Love is on the rise and, whether you are single or in a relationship, you should be concentrating on making someone who interests you happy. Overdoing it will make you appear frivolous. \*\*\*

**EUGENIA LAST**

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll have regrets if you let a disagreement ruin your day. Be careful how you deal with sticky situations and people who aren't likely to back down or give in. Sometimes it's best to simply avoid any sort of controversial conversations. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Turn those old ideas into a moneymaking project. Be inventive and use your imagination. Your entrepreneurial nature and inventive mind will save you in times of economic strife. A romantic encounter will encourage you to be your best. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Update your home technologically. You have to keep up if you want to stay in touch. Don't limit what you can do because you aren't equipped to take part. An unusual but interesting proposal is likely. \*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are affectionate, emotional and temperamental. You like the comforts of home but have a fascination for what's new and unusual. Eugenia's Web sites: [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com) for confidential consultations, [myspace.com/eugenialast](http://myspace.com/eugenialast) for Eugenia's blog, [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com) for fun

**SUDOKU**

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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9	8	4	3	6	1	7	5	2

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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**WONDERWORD** By DAMD OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**ROMAN AMPHITHEATERS** Solution: 10 letters

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BPLARSCITABORCA  
SAATLIUBEREWEOI  
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UPERFORMANCSTL  
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TSROTATCEPSOHOE  
TNEMNIATRET NENS

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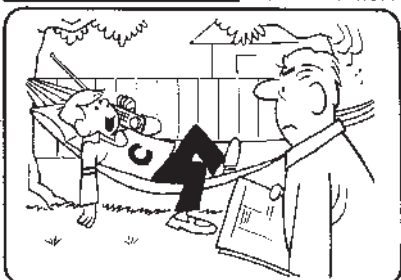
Yesterday's Answer: Micky Ward

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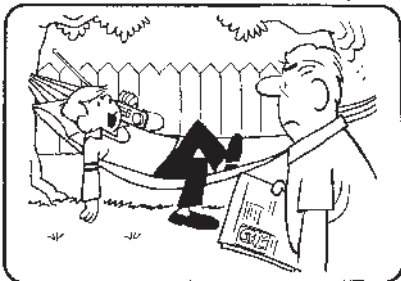


# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



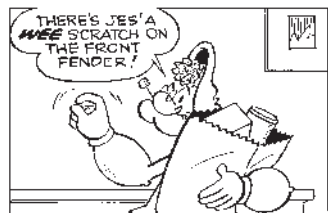
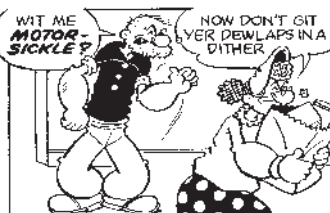
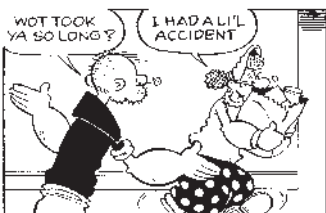
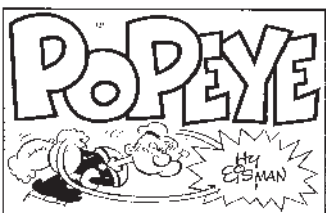
Differences: 1. Letter on sweater is missing. 2. Newspaper has short sleeves. 3. Shoes are black. 4. House is different. 5. Man is holding a different number.

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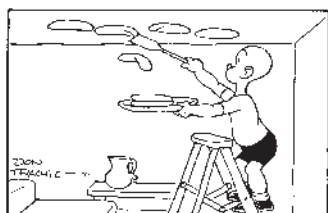
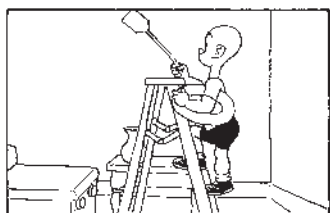
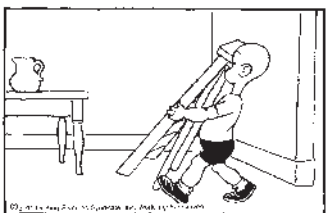
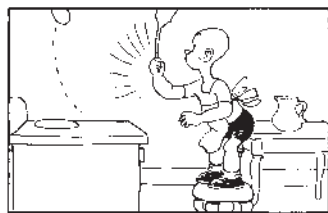
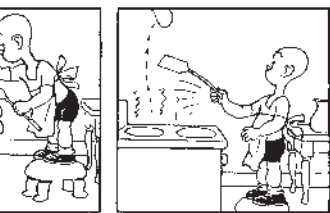
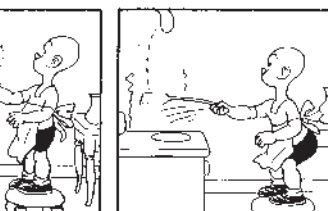
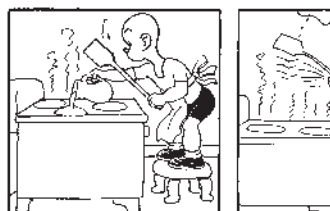
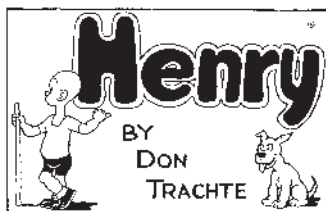
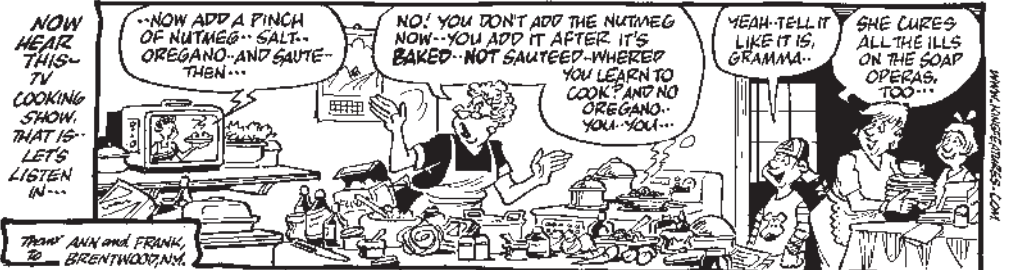
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# They'll Do It Every Time

by Al Scaduto



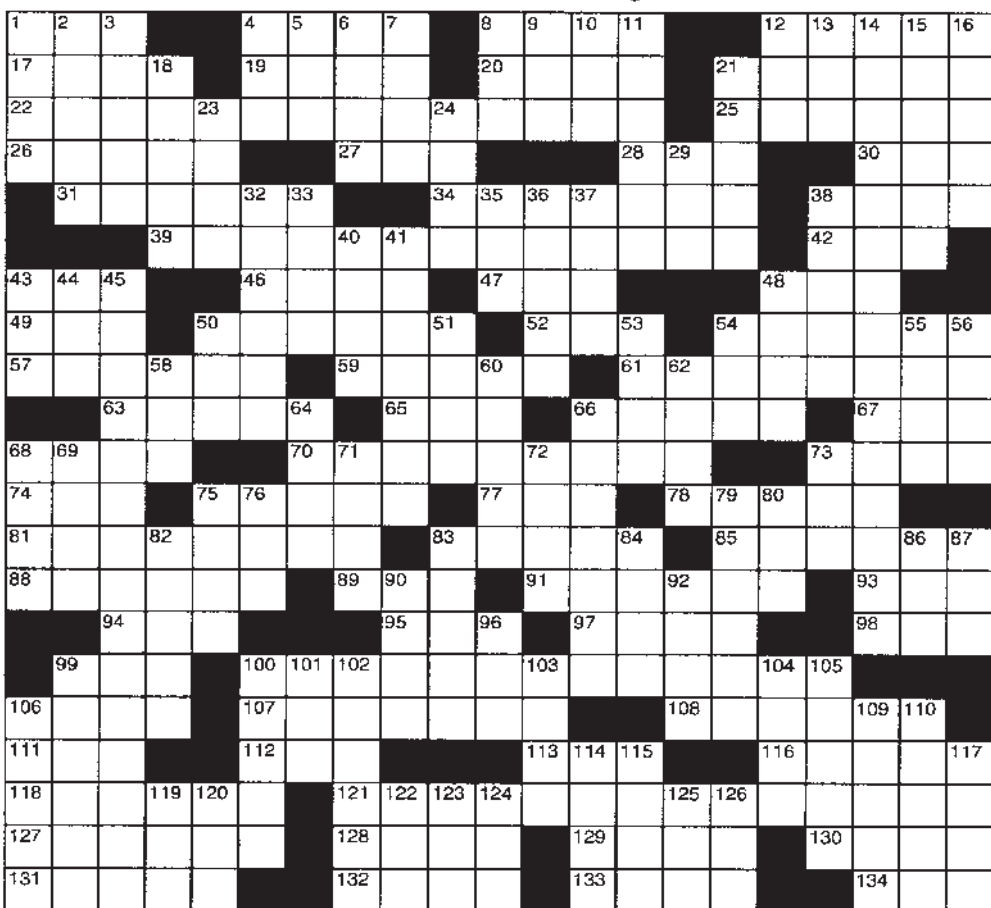
# Super Crossword IN CHARGE

## ACROSS

- 1 Weaken
- 4 O'Connor's "The — Hurrah"
- 8 Composer Bartok
- 12 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
- 17 Meadow mamas
- 19 Pro foe
- 20 Sleep like —
- 21 Wide belts
- 22 Comic-book hero
- 25 "Oh, How I — Get Up ..."
- 26 Error's partner
- 27 Procure
- 28 — Paulo, Brazil
- 30 Tons of time
- 31 Box up
- 34 Masters Tournament site
- 38 Urban problem
- 39 Animated TV series
- 42 Hwy.
- 43 Bud
- 45 Taj town
- 47 Talahassee sch.
- 48 Rita — Brown
- 49 Tankard
- 50 Step parts
- 52 Even if, informally
- 54 Durango district
- 57 Maestro Lorin
- 59 Rent
- 61 "The Hustler" setting
- 63 Crowded
- 65 "Just — thought!"
- 66 Petite pest
- 67 Genetic info
- 68 Actress Anna
- 70 Tammany Hall name
- 73 Left open
- 74 Item in a lock
- 75 Premiere
- 77 Baby butter
- 78 Fracas
- 81 Advance
- 83 "This — Moment!" ('60 hit)
- 85 Hut
- 86 Van of "Shane"
- 89 Cycle starter
- 91 Barely there
- 93 Baseball stat
- 94 Pinnacle
- 95 — roll
- 97 Ballwick
- 98 TV's "My Sister —"
- 99 "Gotcha!"
- 100 '80 Stevie
- Wonder hit
- 106 Worry
- 107 Result
- 108 Singer Stratas
- 111 Knock
- 112 Russian river
- 113 Superlative suffix
- 116 Sans
- 118 Lets up
- 121 "F Troop" role
- 127 Kidman of "To Die For"
- 128 Columnist Bombeck
- 129 Notion
- 130 Silvers or Spector
- 131 Hardened
- 132 " — of the Cat" ('77 hit)
- 133 Side
- 134 — Aviv
- measure
- 9 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
- 10 Rapper Tone —
- 11 '92 Wimbledon winner
- 12 Battery letters
- 13 Fast way to the UK
- 14 O'Neill drama
- 15 Shot another photo
- 16 For — (cheaply)
- 18 "Unsolved Mysteries" host
- 21 Shallow area
- 23 Jai —
- 24 Coup d'—
- 29 Part of NATO
- 32 Sluggish sorts
- 33 — Benedict
- 35 Like some TV channels
- 36 "Beau —" ('39 film)
- 37 "No dice!"
- 38 Bandit Belle
- 40 City on 112 Across
- 41 Polo's place
- 43 Shriver of tennis
- 44 Dolhan's st.
- 45 '64 Shangri-
- Las hit
- 48 Boy or boar
- 50 Cartoon canine
- 51 Lip lash?
- 53 Mayberry moppet
- 54 Marsh
- 55 New Rochelle college
- 56 General Bradley
- 58 — Buddhism
- 60 Alaskan city
- 62 "Against All —" ('84 film)
- 64 Recedes
- 66 Curative
- 68 Frosh's superior
- 69 Grocer's measure
- 71 Eject
- 72 Assumed manes?
- 73 — standstill
- 75 Wet blanket
- 76 Velvet finish
- 79 Graceland, for one
- 80 Yesterday's your
- 82 Rub it in
- 83 Sal of "Exodus"
- 84 Irene of "Fame"
- 86 La-la lead-in
- 87 Tasty tuber
- 90 Coll.
- cadets
- 92 Tree house?
- 96 Jacket part
- 99 Lawrence's locale
- 100 "Archie" character
- 101 Great bird?
- 102 Dash of "Clueless"
- 103 Fast-food favorite
- 104 Cleveland's lake
- 105 Summarize
- 106 French bread?
- 109 Vision
- 110 TV's "Kate & —"
- 114 "M\*A\*S\*H" Emmy winner
- 115 "The — Is High" ('80 hit)
- 117 Say "Hey!"
- 119 Low digit
- 120 Knight time
- 122 Hapsburg dom.
- 123 " — Believer" ('66 hit)
- 124 Corn portion
- 125 Grazing ground
- 126 Rin Tin Tin's mother

## DOWN

- 1 Splinter group
- 2 Cognizant
- 3 Charlemagne's dad
- 4 Composer Francis
- 5 Sothorn or Sheridan
- 6 Forest father
- 7 Use a stop-watch
- 8 Musical



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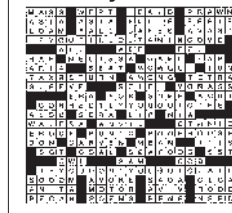
# Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: The Geneva Convention, agreements that define international treatment of prisoners of war, were updated in what year?
2. MYTHOLOGY: What are the nine patron goddesses of the arts called?
3. GEOGRAPHY: The Pyrenees Mountains lie between France
- and what other country?
4. ANATOMY: Stomatitis is inflammation of what?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to become what?
6. PRESIDENTS: Who was the 14th president of the United States?
7. SCIENCE: What genus do human beings belong to?
8. LITERATURE: In what century did Dante complete "The Divine Comedy"?
9. TELEVISION: On the animated

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10. 8
9. Aardvark
8. 14th century
7. Homo
6. Franklin Pierce
5. A saint
4. The mouth
3. Spain
2. The Muses
1. 1949

## Saturday's Answers



# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





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By Jim Davis  
OH, MAN...  
WHO MAKES UP ALL THESE RULES?  
By Glenn McCoy  
AT A BAD...  
**Alomar, Blyleven elected to Hall of Fame**  
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**Saipan Tribune Sports**  
**Minor wins doubles in Australia**  
By ROSELYN B. MONROY  
Thea Minor ended her campaign in the 2011 Goulburn Valley Junior Championships in Australia on a high note after capturing the doubles crown in the U18 division of the five-day tournament.  
Minor teamed up with fellow Pacific...  
Team member Amanda Korin...  
lands in the doubles event...  
Curtis-McDonald...  
Wednesday...  
**Sablan, other delegates come out swinging as 112th Congress starts**  
WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Weather Channel predicted near-freezing weather for Jan. 5, the day the 112th Congress was to be sworn in. What D.C. got was a blindingly sunny day, with hardly a cloud to mar the cobalt blue sky.  
In fact, it was chillier inside the Capitol, when outgoing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) was preparing to hand over the gavel to the new speaker, John Boehner (R-Ohio). When Pelosi began enumerating the accomplishments of the 111th Congress under her leadership, the frosty silence emanating from the Republican side of the House was enough to cause icicles to form on...  
The GOP, after all, came...  
a platform...  
**Reporter's Notebook**  
By JAYVEE VALLEJERA  
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EDITOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Weather Channel predicted near-freezing weather for Jan. 5, the day the 112th Congress was to be sworn in. What D.C. got was a blindingly sunny day, with hardly a cloud to mar the cobalt blue sky.  
In fact, it was chillier inside the Capitol, when outgoing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) was preparing to hand over the gavel to the new speaker, John Boehner (R-Ohio). When Pelosi began enumerating the accomplishments of the 111th Congress under her leadership, the frosty silence emanating from the Republican side of the House was enough to cause icicles to form on...  
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# Price dominates as Rays beat Blue Jays, 3-1



**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida**  
(AP)—David Price allowed one

unearned run while pitching into the ninth inning and Johnny Damon got his 2,600th career hit as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-1 on Thursday.

Price (4-3) is undefeated against the Blue Jays, winning eight times in nine starts. The left-hander allowed four hits and struck out 10 over 8 2-3 innings.

Damon had two hits, which moved him past Steve Garvey (2,599) into 75th place on the career list. His fifth-inning double (490) tied him for 59th place with Mickey Vernon on that list.

The Rays won their 12th consecutive home series over Toronto, since 2007.

John Jaso had an RBI double, Damon drove in a run with an infield single and Matt Joyce hit a sacrifice fly off Kyle Drabek (2-2) to put the Rays ahead 3-0 in the third.

## Royals 9, Orioles 1

At Kansas City, Missouri, Melky Cabrera homered, doubled and singled while driving in four runs, and Bruce Chen allowed one run in seven innings as Kansas City trounced Baltimore.

Cabrera, who also scored three times, hit a solo homer in the eighth off Clay Rapada.

## Tigers 6, Yankees 3

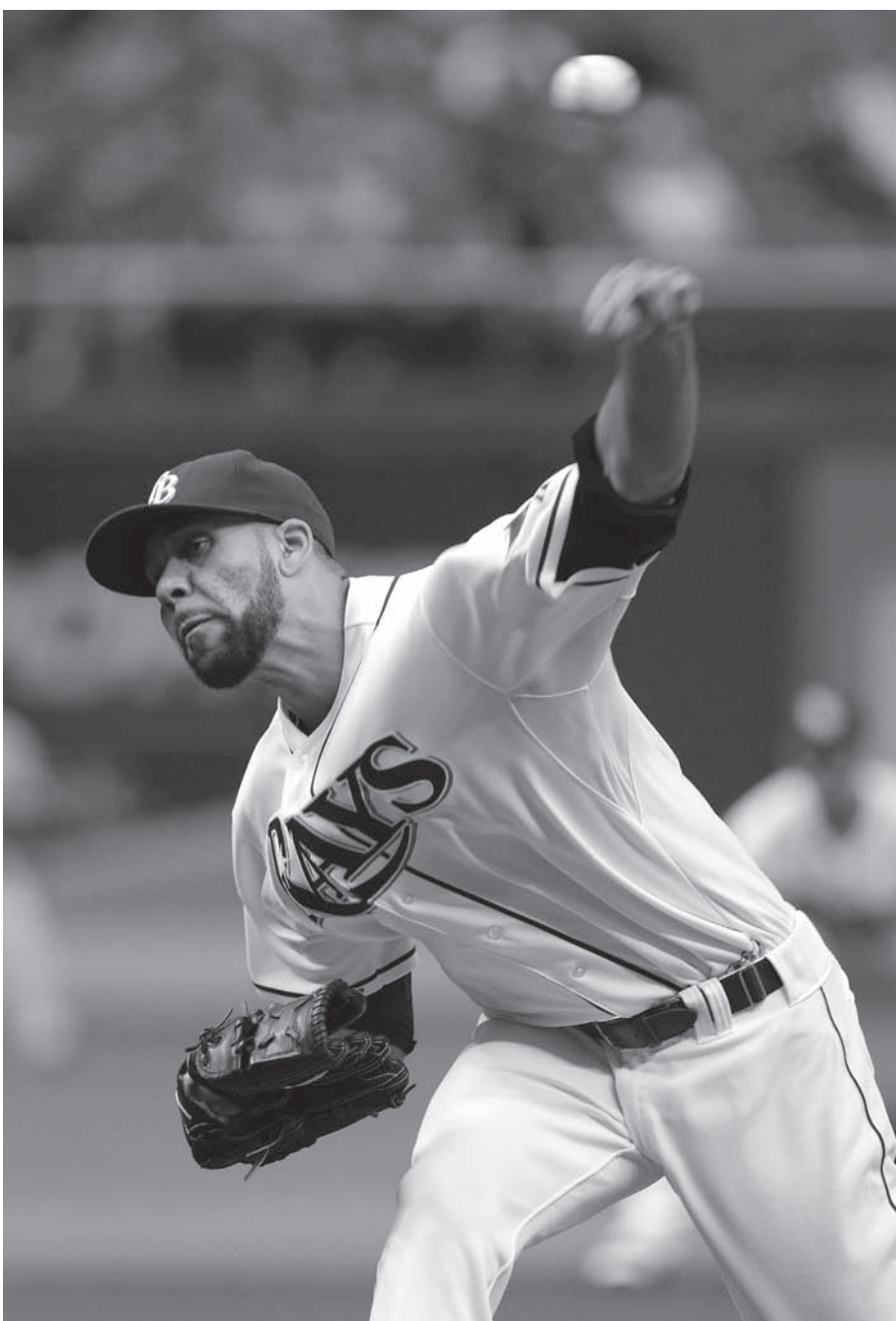
At Detroit, Brennan Boesch homered and drove in three runs as Detroit took advantage of some sloppy fielding to beat New York for the third straight time.

Derek Jeter didn't play for the Yankees, given the day off after leaving the previous night's game with a right hip problem. His replacement, Eduardo Nunez, made two errors, including a high throw in the seventh that gave the Tigers two runs.

## Angels 11, Red Sox 0

At Boston, rookie Mark Trumbo hit his sixth homer of the season as the Los Angeles Angels salvaged a series split at Boston, racking up 18 hits.

Bobby Abreu drove in three runs



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher David Price delivers a first inning pitch to the Toronto Blue Jays during a baseball game Thursday, May 5, 2011 in St. Petersburg, Fla. AP

for Los Angeles, which was 0-6 against Boston entering the four-game series.

After ending the skid in a rain-delayed 5-3 win in 13 innings early Thursday, the Angels chased Boston starter John Lackey (2-4) in the fifth after scoring eight runs on 10 hits.

## Indians 4, Athletics 3, 12 innings

At Oakland, California, Jack Hannahan and Lou Marson had RBI singles in the 12th inning to lift Cleveland over Oakland.

Hannahan's bloop single to left off Craig Breslow (0-2) provided the go-

ahead run, and Marson followed with another single to propel Cleveland to another late-inning rally. A night after their seven-game winning streak was snapped, the Indians won in their final at-bat for the seventh time this season.

## Mariners 3, Rangers 1

At Seattle, Justin Smoak hit his fifth homer and Jason Vargas pitched a shutout into the eighth inning as Seattle downed Texas.

Seattle won for the seventh time in nine games, taking two of three from the Rangers to move within two games of .500 after starting the season 8-15.

Smoak homered against Colby Lewis (2-4) in the second and finished with three hits.

## Braves 2, Brewers 1

At Atlanta, Martin Prado hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning as the Atlanta Braves beat the Milwaukee Brewers to complete a four-game series sweep.

Prado led off against Cameron Loe (2-3) with his third homer. Prado was Loe's first batter in relief of Shaun Marcum, who pitched seven strong innings.

Milwaukee has a six-game losing streak. Atlanta has won five straight.

## Phillies 7, Nationals 3

At Philadelphia, Roy Halladay struck out 10 batters in seven innings, and Raul Ibanez and Shane Victorino homered as Philadelphia completed a three-game sweep of Washington.

Halladay, the reigning National League Cy Young pitching award winner, allowed two runs and six hits to win his 10th straight decision against

the franchise from Washington and Montreal. Halladay (5-1) has won 13 consecutive starts against the NL East.

## Cardinals 6, Marlins 3

At St. Louis, Lance Berkman homered and drove in four runs and Matt Holliday had two RBIs for St. Louis.

Albert Pujols singled three times against Josh Johnson (3-1), the NL pitcher of the month who had an 0.88 ERA in April. He allowed only 18 hits in 41 innings last month, but the Cardinals battered him for eight hits in 25 at-bats.

## Reds 10, Astros 4

At Cincinnati, Homer Bailey returned from the disabled list with six strong innings, and Ryan Hanigan drove in three runs with a three-hit game for Cincinnati.

Bailey (1-0) developed a shoulder problem during spring training, forcing him to go on a throwing program. The right-hander gave up four hits and one run in six innings, striking out seven.

## Mets 5, Giants 2

At New York, Mike Pelfrey pitched into the eighth inning against San Francisco's limited lineup and Carlos Beltran homered as New York averted a series sweep to San Francisco.

San Francisco loaded the bases with one out in the ninth against Francisco Rodriguez, but Miguel Tejada struck out and pinch-hitter Buster Posey grounded out to end the game.

## Diamondbacks 3, Rockies 2, 11 innings

At Phoenix, Gerardo Parra and Chris Young homered off Huston Street in the ninth inning as Arizona won in 11 innings to take two of three from Colorado.

Justin Upton's bloop single to right off Matt Belisle (2-2) brought in the winning run after Young narrowly missed another homer with a double off the overhang in left-center.

Street blew his first save in 12 tries this season after Jason Hammel had thrown seven scoreless innings.

# Haas gets off to a hot start at Quail Hollow

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** (AP)—Of all the times Bill Haas has played Quail Hollow, he never had a round quite like this.

Haas had stress-free birdies on all the par 5s and did little wrong on the rest of the holes Thursday in the Wells Fargo Championship, matching the tournament record for lowest opening round with an 8-under 64 for a two-shot lead.

"I've got good feelings around this place," Haas said.

It was his best score by four shots at Quail Hollow on the PGA Tour, and way better than two dozen rounds he played as a kid when he would tag along with his father, Jay Haas, on the special trips they made to the course.

Haas had a two-shot lead over David Toms and Jonathan Byrd, who each had a 66 in the morning when it was barely above 40 degrees at the start of the tournament with a north wind that is uncommon for this tournament.

Ultimately, the afternoon turned out to be perfect—much like Haas and his round.

He did have a few key par saves, such as the 10-foot putt he made at the turn on the 18th hole. The key for Haas, though, was getting off to a good start on the slightly tougher back nine, and knowing he could afford to make a few mistakes.

Defending champion Rory McIlroy made some errors early, and he never quite caught up. In his first trip back to America after his Sunday collapse in the Masters, the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland opened with a 75.

"The story of the day for me is I really didn't hit it very well, which is unlike me," McIlroy said. "It'd be the strength of my game and today I just wasn't striking it well. My timing was off just a little bit."

Pat Perez and Lucas Glover were at 67, while Rickie Fowler overcame a rugged start - two bogeys on his opening three holes—to lead a group at 68 that included Vijay Singh and Stuart Appleby.

Phil Mickelson, in his first event since the Masters, hit two balls in the water on par 5s and scrambled for par each time. The first one was critical. He already was 1 over for the tournament through six holes when he came out of the pine straw and into the pond at No. 7. He holed a 12-foot par putt, then made birdie on the next four holes.

He wound up with a 69, along with Padraig Harrington.

"I hadn't played in a few weeks, and to shoot under par was a good start," Mickelson said. "It could have been a lot better, could have been a lot

worse. I'll certainly take it."

The cold air made Quail Hollow play even longer in the morning, and it was particularly tough on the guys who don't blast it. Toms fits into that category, which explains why he had to hit fairway metals for his second shot on three par 4s. The good news is he made par on all of them, and threw in seven birdies for a 66.

"It was cold this morning, and we were all out there with our jackets and sweaters on and playing these long par 4s," Toms said. "If I can shoot 3 under on the front nine, as long as it played, I'll take that any day."

Toms won the first edition of this tournament in 2003.

Byrd rarely plays well here. Except for a tie for fifth a few years ago, he missed the cut in his other five appearance. He almost thought about skipping the Wells Fargo Championship, except that it's close to his South Carolina roots.

"It's pretty odd," said Byrd, who opened the year with a playoff win at Kapalua. "If it wasn't close to home, I might start saying, 'I just don't play well there, I need to go home.' But my family is close to home here in Columbia, South Carolina, and it's not far from Clemson. They just knock



it out of the park at this golf tournament, and it's a tournament I can't miss."

Haas wouldn't miss it, either—not now, certainly not as a kid. He grew up in Greenville, S.C., although his father was a member and they often made the 90-mile drive to Quail Hollow.

"My dad would say, 'Let's go play Quail tomorrow.' It was a bigger deal than just playing at home," he said.

Haas figures he played some 30 rounds before turning pro. He also has good memories of the times he played the tournament with his father, older brother (Jay Jr.) and his uncle (Jerry Haas).

Even so, nothing compares to playing and making so many birdies.

Haas opened his round with a 3-wood onto the 10th green for a two-putt birdie, and a 7-iron to 15 feet on the 12th, which played as the second-toughest hole in the opening round. Then came a 30-foot birdie on the 14th, and an easy up-and-down from the front bunker on the par-5 15th for a birdie.

He knew birdie chances awaited on the front with two par 5s, and he made birdie there, too.

Haas tinkered with a belly putter at Hilton Head a few weeks ago because the greens are flat. He was back to a conventional putter on the contoured greens of Quail Hollow, and wound up making his share of them.

"Putted well," he said, "which leads to everything."



# Lakers head to Dallas with grip on title slipping



Los Angeles Lakers' Pau Gasol, left, wipes his face as teammate Derek Fisher looks on during the second half in Game 2 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball series against the Dallas Mavericks, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, in Los Angeles.



**DALLAS (AP)**—One big man is struggling, the other is spouting off about “trust issues.” Their enforcer got carried away at the end of the last game and is suspended from the next one.

Their mental edge is gone, and so is their home-court advantage. They’ve even lost the approval of one of their greatest icons.

Asked how to get them to snap out of it, their Zen master coach suggested “flogging them.” Then he laughed. Hey, Phil Jackson’s retiring in a few days or weeks, so he might as well crack wise.

Such melodrama is vintage Hollywood, but usually for the make-believe folks. Or the Clippers. Certainly not the realm of Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Yet early in their second-round series against the Dallas Mavericks, Bryant and the Lakers are in deep trouble, and

they know it.

Los Angeles is down 0-2 going into Game 3 on Friday night. While three teams in NBA history have won a seven-game series after losing the first two at home, no team has rallied from an 0-3 deficit. That makes the next game pivotal in the Lakers’ quest for a third straight championship.

“Desperate, that’s a strong word,” Bryant said. “I think when you play desperate you don’t play your best basketball. What we need to do is relax, focus on what we’re doing wrong and the mistakes that we’re making. We have plenty to review and lock in on.”

Their problems start on defense.

Dirk Nowitzki is having his way with the Lakers no matter whether they try covering him with someone big or small. That happens with all teams. The surprise is that Los Angeles is struggling with everyone else, all the way down to speedy little backup point

guard J.J. Barea.

Barea scooted all over the court in Game 2 on Wednesday night until the final minute, when Ron Artest swung his forearm and whacked Barea in the face. Artest was thrown out and the league told him Thursday that he can’t play in Game 3.

If the Lakers’ invincibility wasn’t already gone, that cheap shot made it clear how frustrated this team is.

Just look at the inside tandem of Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum. Gasol is playing so poorly on both ends of the court that he was booed in the second half of Game 2, at least until many fans left early or lost interest. After the game, Bynum spiced things up by saying “all 13 of our guys have trust issues right now,” further describing those problems as “deeply rooted.”

Lakers great Magic Johnson is disgusted. On Wednesday night, he tweeted, “It’s going to be a tough climb to come back

and I think their chances are slim.” On Thursday, he tweeted that Bynum should’ve kept his mouth shut.

All told, the Lakers look tired, mentally and physically. Maybe it’s the toll of reaching the finals each of the last three years.

This is nothing new, either. They’ve had several stretches this season when they’ve looked vulnerable, only to revert to their title-worthy form. Just last round, they lost the opener to the Hornets and were tied 2-2 in the series before Bryant pulled them through. What seemed like a jump-start to another title run is now looking like it might’ve been a last gasp.

“We don’t like being in this position,” point guard Derek Fisher said. “It’s not familiar, you know? But we are where we are, so we have to make sure we stay together as a group and figure this thing out. We’re trying to make history here, and that’s not easy. We have to be willing to be accountable, all of us.”

The Lakers can’t be counted out because they still have Bryant—and because they’re playing the Mavericks, a team that tends to blow games and series every postseason.

Dallas appeared headed toward another flop when it gave away a 23-point lead over the last 14 minutes of Game 4 in a first-round series against Portland. But the Mavs haven’t lost since, a streak of four wins, with the last three coming on the road.

The road wins are especially significant because Dallas had lost eight straight playoff road games, and 18 of 20. Such performances in Portland and in Los Angeles back up what players have been saying since training camp: These aren’t the same old Mavs.

But two games only counts as a good start toward changing Dallas’ reputation. And it’s not like the Mavericks played two perfect games. The Lakers would’ve won the opener if a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Bryant stayed in the cylinder instead of bouncing out.

“This series is far from over,” Nowitzki said. “I’ve been up 2-0 before and ended up losing the series. We’ve seen a lot of things happen in this league so we’ve got to stay focused, stay together and let our home crowd ride us and get another great win.”

The last time they played in Dallas, the Mavericks gave their best performance of the postseason, their bounceback game following the Game 4 collapse. The building should be even louder this time because of the higher stakes, and because it will be the Lakers’ first playoff visit in 23 years.

The Mavs already posted on YouTube an animated video that’s sure to get a rousing response when it’s played Friday night: “Mamas Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Lakers Fans.”

It’s the continuation of a series that began with the Mavericks’ run to the NBA finals in 2006.

Odds are, the club’s video folks are already working on versions for the Thunder and Grizzlies. Just in case.

## Hawks’ confidence growing after split in Chicago

**ATLANTA (AP)**—Larry Drew likes the look of these playoffs.

He’s feeling pretty good about his own team, too.

There are upsets all around in the NBA postseason. Top-seeded San Antonio has already been eliminated. The defending champion Los Angeles Lakers are in trouble. And Drew, the rookie coach of the Atlanta Hawks, sees no reason why his own team can’t go farther than anyone would’ve expected.

“This thing is wide open,” he said Thursday.

The Hawks have already

knocked out Dwight Howard and Orlando, a team that swept Atlanta from the playoffs in lopsided fashion a year ago. They’re trying to follow a similar script in the Eastern Conference semifinals, having stolen a victory in Game 1 against the Chicago Bulls, a 62-win juggernaut during the regular season.

Even coming off a series-tying loss, the Hawks are exuding confidence as they return home for the next two contests. Game 3 is Friday, which shapes up as the most significant night in 14 years for a franchise that has largely

been an NBA wasteland.

“We feel good about where we’re at,” said Jamal Crawford, the Hawks’ super sub. “We feel like we took their best punch.”

Chicago, of course, would prefer to follow the script. The Bulls won 18 more games than Atlanta during the regular season and are in no mood to be the fodder for another playoff upset.

After a shocking 103-95 defeat in the series opener, Chicago played with a sense of desperation Thursday night. The Bulls dominated the boards 58-39, turned the Hawks’ offense

into a stagnant mess (34 percent shooting), hustled for seemingly every loose ball and pulled away for an 86-73 victory.

“We can always step it up. You can always improve in each game,” league MVP Derrick Rose said. “But we’ve got to continue to make hustle plays because it’s just going to get harder.”

Indeed, the Hawks actually took some comfort from the way they lost.

Despite the obvious deficiencies, Atlanta was still in the game with about 4 minutes left,

trailing by six and poised to pull off another upset. It didn’t work out, but the Hawks know they can stick with a team that put up the best record in the league.

“Whatever doubt might have been seeping into our guys’ heads, that doubt was erased after Game 1,” Drew said. “Even though we lost Game 2, there wasn’t a knockout blow. There was all this talk about how they would come out with all this energy and everything. Well, we didn’t feel that. ... They didn’t put us away.”

At the end, they did.

### NBA BRIEFS

#### Artest suspended for Game 3 of Lakers-Mavs series

**DALLAS (AP)**—Lakers forward Ron Artest has been suspended from Game 3 of a second-round series against the Mavericks on Friday night for hitting Dallas guard J.J. Barea in the face with a forearm. Los Angeles, already down 0-2, now will be playing a pivotal game without its starting small forward. “No reaction,” Artest said Thursday in Los Angeles, prior to boarding a team flight to Dallas. “I’m just ready to move forward and play basketball.” Barea was dribbling around Los Angeles’ Lamar Odom with 24 seconds left in a game that had already been decided when Artest moved in and swung a forearm at the guard’s head. Artest was ejected immediately. The league said Thursday he also would be assessed a flagrant foul. An accumulation of flagrant foul points could lead to another suspension.

#### Rivers expects Shaq to play in Game 3 vs. Miami

**WALTHAM, Mass. (AP)**—Shaquille O’Neal is expected to play for the Boston Celtics in the playoffs for the first time in Game 3 against the Miami Heat. Coach Doc Rivers said Thursday the center likely will return from a right calf injury Saturday night against the Heat, who lead the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-0. O’Neal had missed 27 games with a sore right leg. He returned on April 4 against Detroit but lasted 5 minutes, 29 seconds before leaving with the calf problem. Rivers said that barring a setback, O’Neal will play Saturday but won’t start. O’Neal played 37 games this season, averaging 20.3 minutes, 9.2 points and 4.8 rebounds. The Celtics traded center Kendrick Perkins to Oklahoma City on Feb. 24, hoping O’Neal would return sooner.

#### Thunder’s Ibaka misses practice

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)**—Starting power forward Serge Ibaka did not participate in the Oklahoma City Thunder’s practice Thursday because of a sprained left ankle. Coach Scott Brooks says Ibaka is day-to-day. The Thunder are officially listing him as probable for Game 3 on Saturday in Memphis. The series is tied 1-1. Ibaka had the most blocked shots in the NBA this season and has had double-doubles in four of Oklahoma City’s seven games this postseason. Before twisting his ankle in the fourth quarter, Ibaka hurt his right knee in the third quarter of Game 2.









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## Wong leads CNMI to World Championships

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**T**sunami Swimming Center Saipan's Rezne Wong is competing in the FINA World Championships for the third time, as he leads the five-man CNMI Team that will be participating in the 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai, China.



Rezne Wong, seen here training with Tsunami Saipan at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool last year, is competing in his third world championships.

Northern Marianas Swimming Federation president John Hirsh confirmed to *Saipan Tribune* that the Commonwealth will be sending delegates to the world championships, which will run from July 21 to 31 at the Shanghai Oriental Sports Center.

Hirsh said Wong, two others swimmers and two officials will be attending the FINA Swimming World Championships in Shanghai.

"The two additional swimmers have yet to be finalized, but will be coming from Saipan Swim Club. NMSF will finalize all the participants after the Guam Swimming Championships at the end of May," Hirsh said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Wong debuted in the world championships in 2007 when he was still with the SSC and joined former teammates Sarah Johnson and Cooper Graf in the biennial competition in

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## Badminton players are April's best



Guintu



Choi

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Northern Marianas Badminton Association bets swept the NMSA Male and Female Athlete of the Month award with Dick Guintu and Hannah Choi taking home the plums on Thursday night during the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association meeting at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The two badminton players claimed the April honors,

following their championship wins in last month's 2011 Tan Holdings Mixed/Doubles Badminton Competition played at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

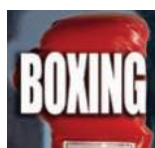
Choi won two titles after prevailing in the women's doubles A and mixed doubles A. In the mixed doubles A, the Saipan International Badminton Club teamed up with Dick Guintu and the duo went undefeated in seven games in the round-robin elimination.

Choi and Guintu were ranked first in the playoffs, as

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## Manny Pacquiao ready for Sunday's war

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**P**ound-for-pound king Manny Pacquiao will be a heavy favorite when he enters the ring on Sunday (Manila time) to defend his WBO welterweight title against former three-time champion Shane Mosley, who, at one time in his career, was being compared to the great Sugar Ray Robinson.

Mosley then had a record of 30-0 with 28 knockouts and reigned as IBF lightweight champ after dethroning South Africa's Philip Holiday by a 12-round unanimous decision.

But he has come a long way since, and the fact that he is facing the "Fighter of the Decade" puts an exclamation mark on his career.

At age 39, the two facets of

Mosley's skill, speed and power have diminished through the years and he is not the fighter he was 14 years ago when he fought Holiday.

On the other hand, Pacquiao has not only honed his skills in remarkable fashion under celebrated trainer Freddie Roach. He also has acquired unbelievable power and explosiveness since strength and conditioning guru Alex Ariza joined his camp two weeks before the lightweight battle against WBC champion David Diaz, whom he battered into a bloody and helpless pulp in nine rounds.

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The one intriguing factor in the Mosley fight is that, for the first time in his career, Pacquiao will be fighting an African-American whose style is very different from fighters like Miguel Cotto or Antonio Margarito. The latter two always come forward and try to engage in a war.



Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, center, poses for photos with Manny Pacquiao, left, and Shane Mosley after presenting them with chips to the city before the start of a boxing news conference, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, in Las Vegas.

Mosley is a far more intelligent and calculating fighter who knows how to tie up an opponent when he needs to. He boasts a powerful right hand which he used to hammer Margarito to a sensational ninth-round TKO and to almost knock out Floyd Mayweather Jr. in the second

round of their clash.

Mosley says he plans to give Manny a taste of some African-American rhythm which would present a very different style for Pacquiao to deal with.

However, Mosley has never been comfortable against south-

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## Pennant still up for grabs in SML

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The Shell Fielders kept their pennant hopes alive with a 7-2 victory over the St. Michael's Angels in last Thursday's Saipan Major League match at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Meanwhile, the Masters upset the Sen. Crisostomo D-9ers,

13-11, back on Tuesday.

The Fielders' win was their fifth in six games and put them in first place and a half game ahead of the Angels (5-2) in the standings.

D-9ers's card fell to 4-3, but the team is still seated comfortably in third.

With a record of 2-4, the Masters are now tied with Ol'Aces, while the Tan Holdings Brewers are a half game ahead with a pair of wins and three defeats.

SML action continues at Tan



Shell Fielders' Juan Maratita tries to throw out a runner at second base in last Thursday's Saipan Major League game against the St. Michael's Angels at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Ko field next Wednesday at 6:30pm when the Ol'Aces take on the Brewers. In addition the Angels face off with the D-9ers next Friday.

### Fielders 7, Angels 2

It was tied at 1-all after three innings as the visiting Fielders broke the ice in the top of the second off an RBI base rip by Ben Flores, but the Angels got it back later in the bottom of the third off an error.

The Fielders then pulled ahead, 4-1, with a pair of runs

in the top of the fourth off an error and a sacrifice fly by Anthony Tenorio followed by another run off an error in the fifth frame that scored John Reyes who smashed a two-out triple.

After a quiet sixth the score shifted to 7-2 in the seventh inning.

The Fielders scored two runs off just one hit in the top half, while the Angels only managed one run from a passed ball.

The Fielders' Mike Tenorio then added an insurance run

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